

Image Processing and Filtering

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Lecture overview: Bio-image Analysis

- Image Data Analysis workflows
- Goal: **Quantify observations, substantiate conclusions with numbers**

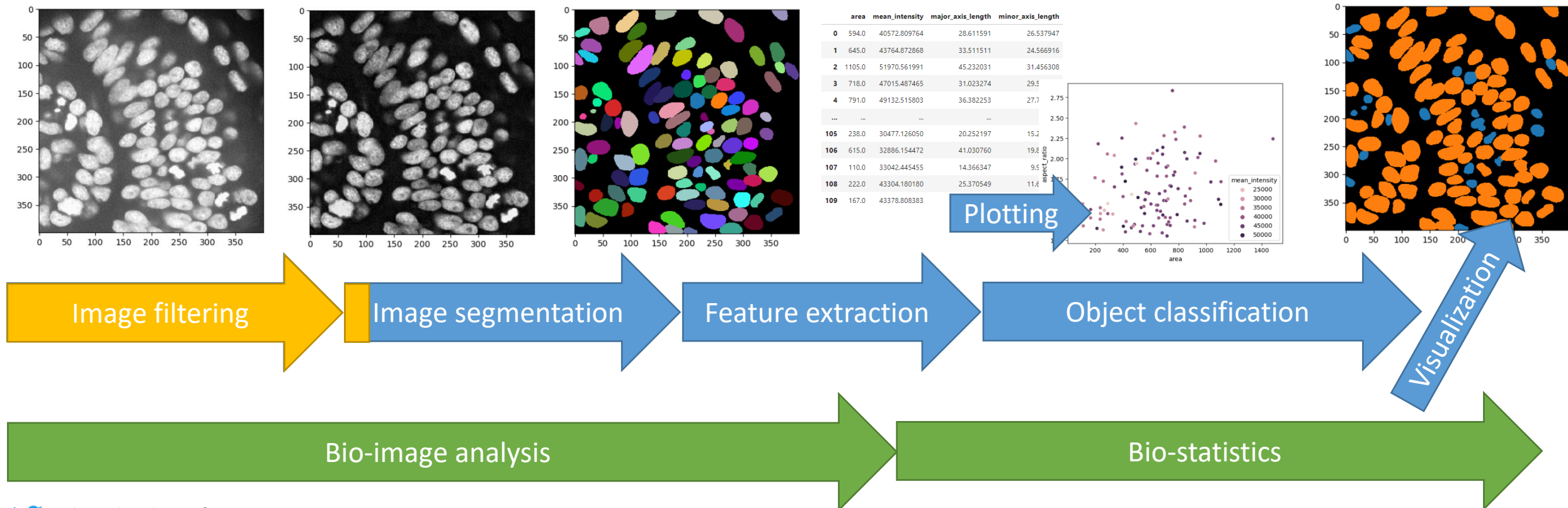


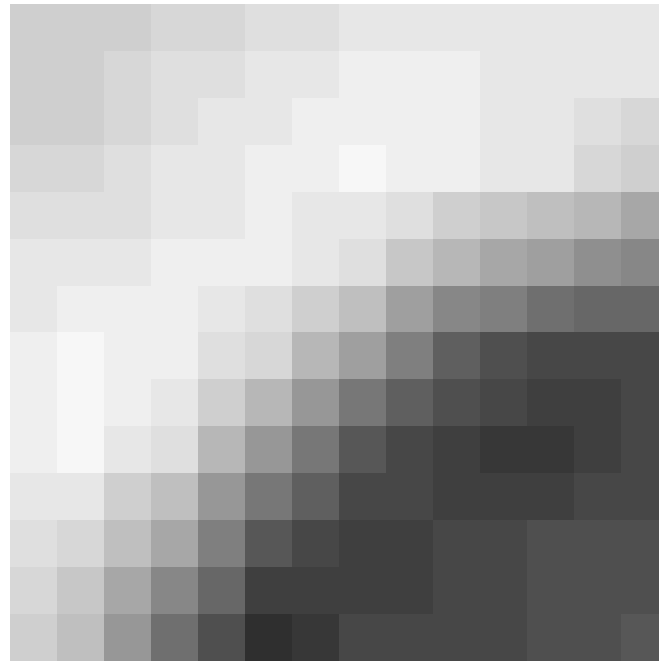
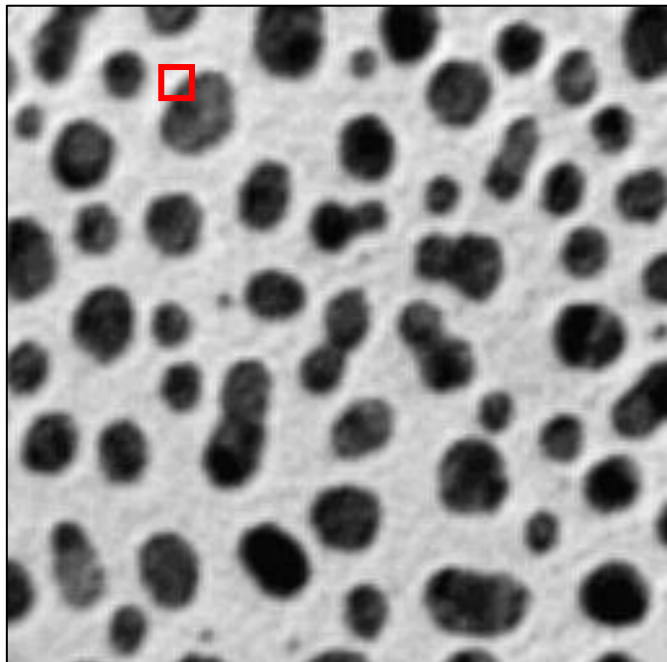
Image Visualization

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Images and pixels

- An image is just a matrix of numbers
- Pixel: “picture element”
- The edges between pixels are an artefact of the imaging / digitization. They are not real!



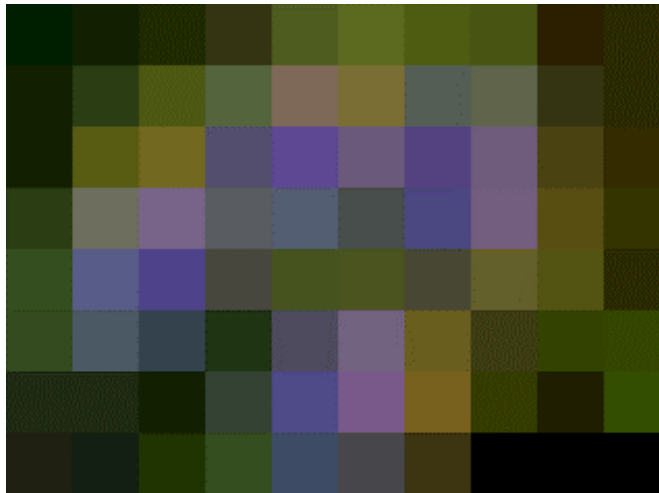
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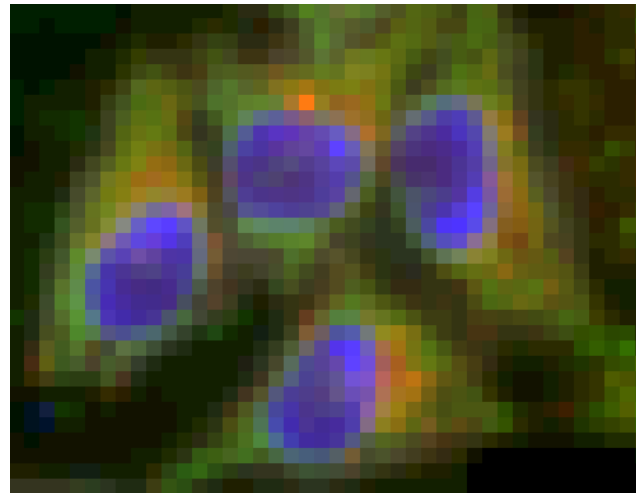
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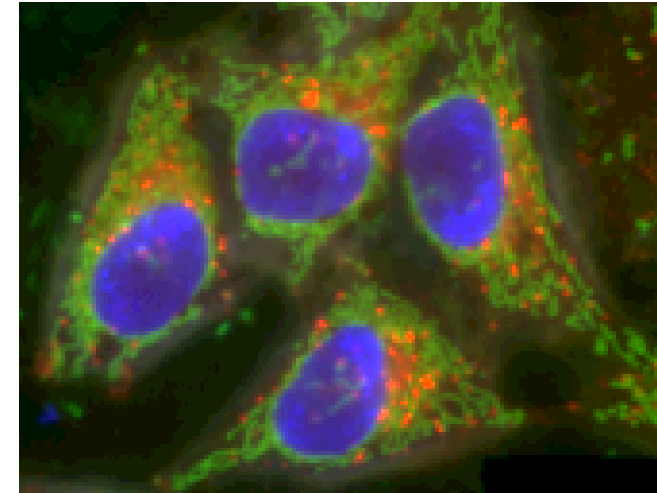
- Pixel size is a digital property of an image.
- You configure it during the imaging session at the microscope.



Pixel size: 3.3 μm



Pixel size: 0.8 μm

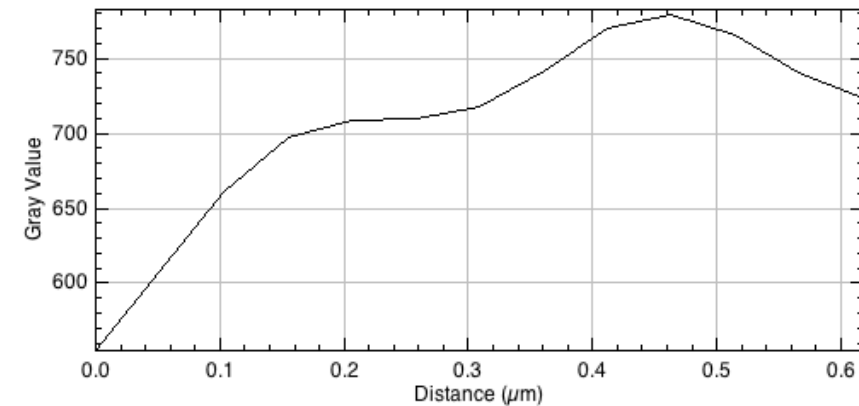
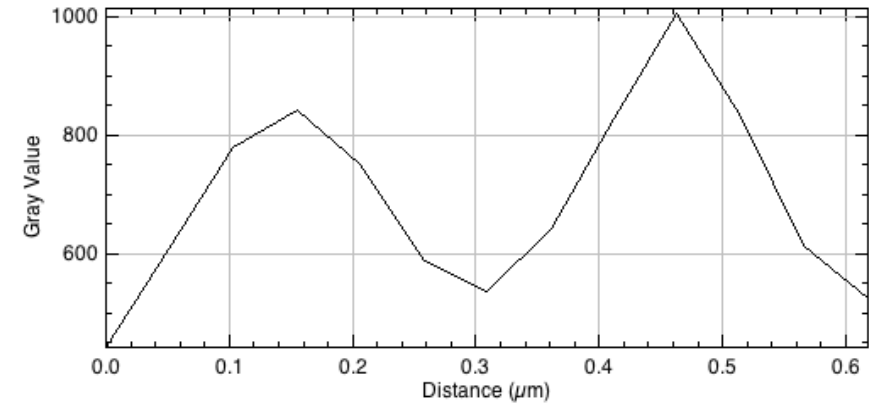
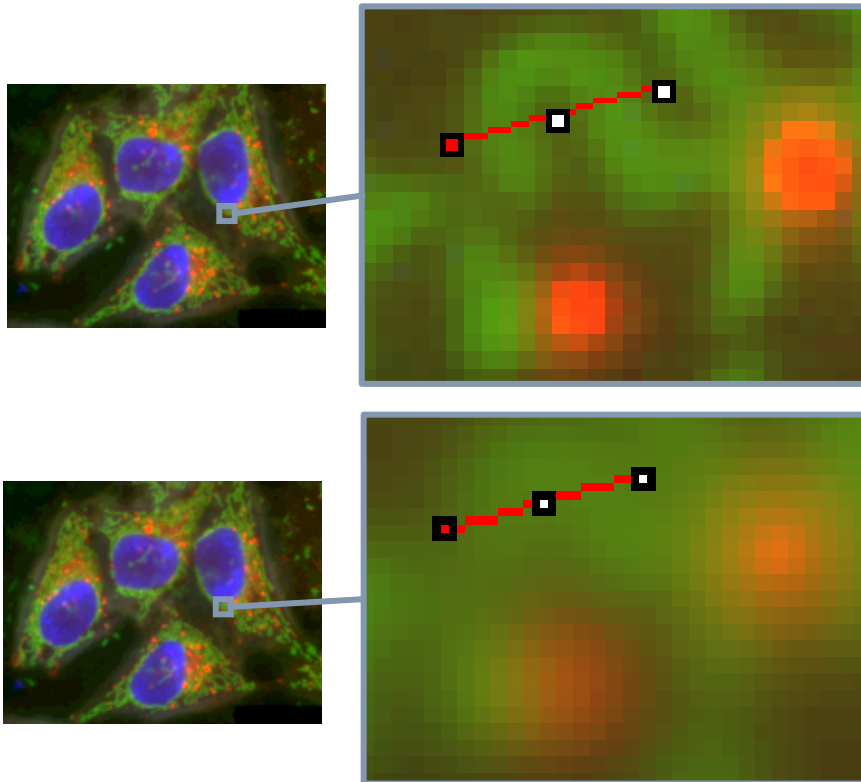


Pixel size: 0.05 μm

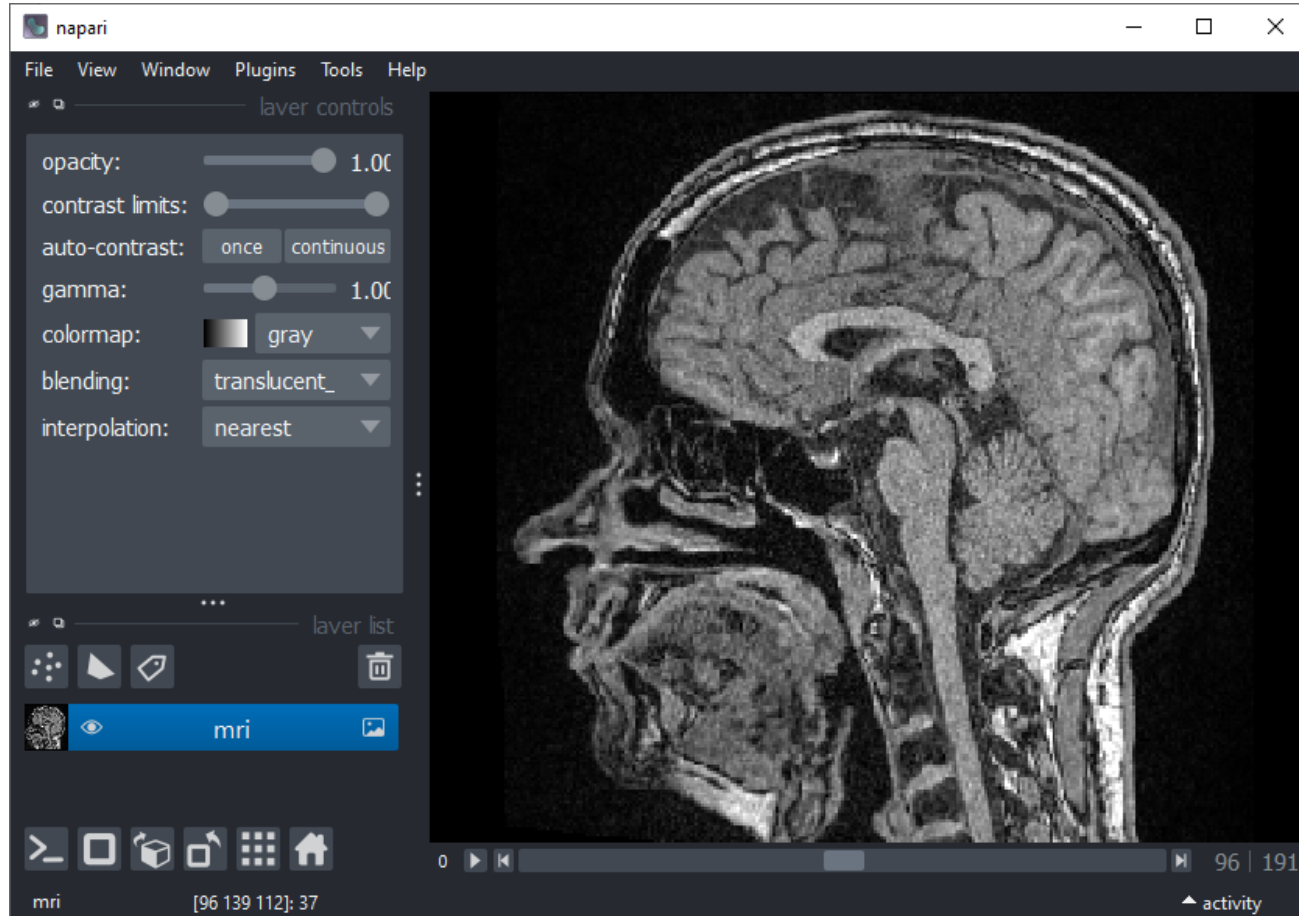
- We are not talking about resolution!

Pixel size versus resolution

- Resolution is a property of your imaging system.
- The measure of how close object can be in an image while still being differentiable, is called spatial resolution.



There are tools available for exploring them



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import stackview  
  
stackview.slice(mri_image)
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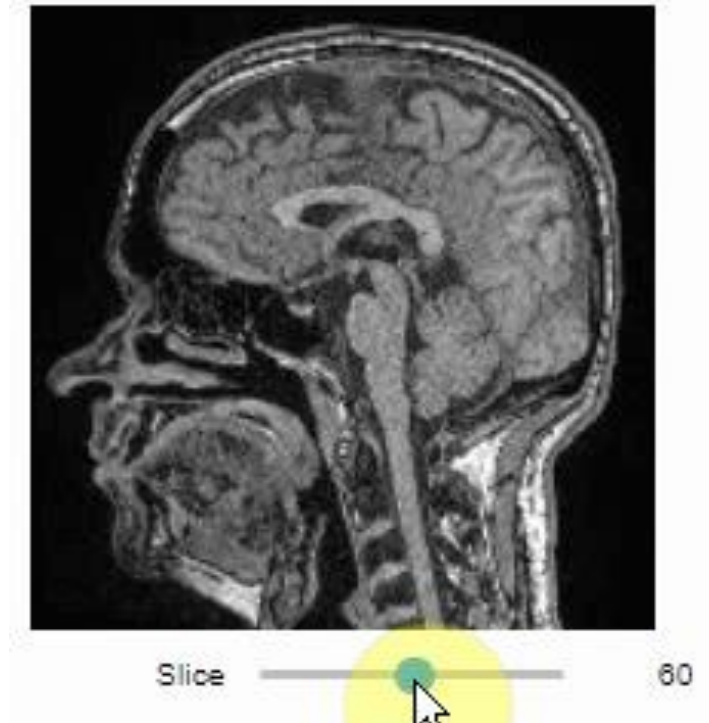
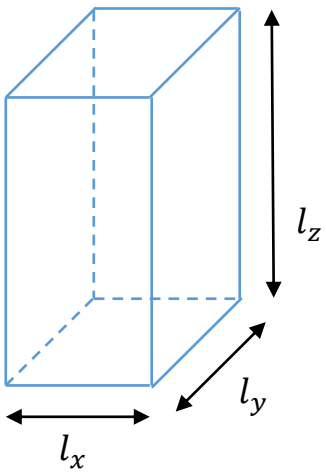
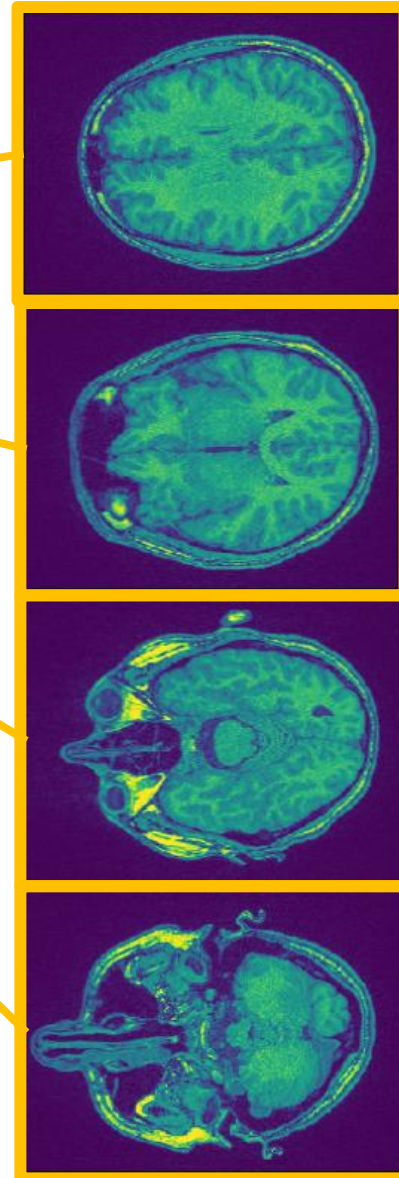
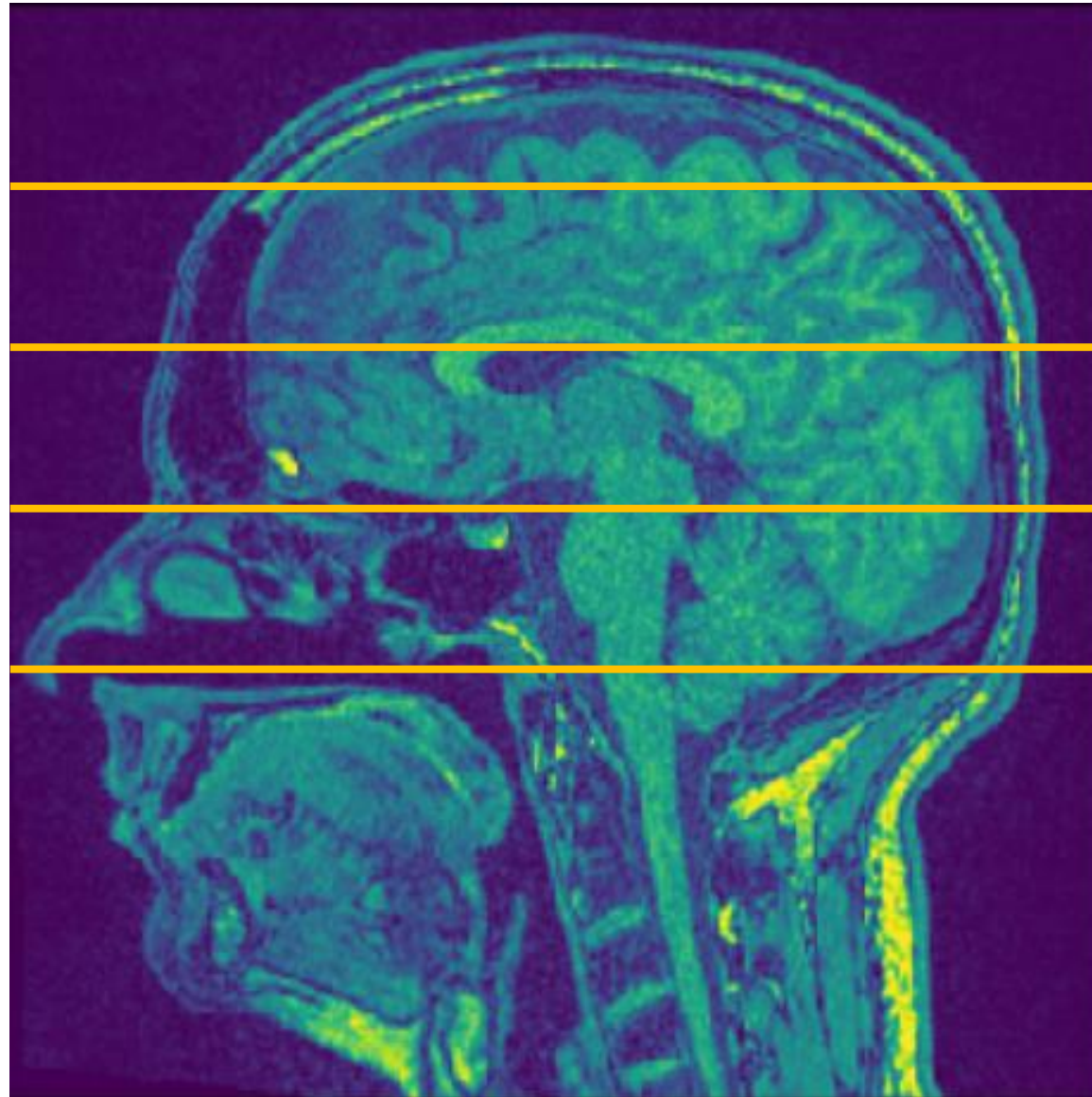


Image stacks and voxels

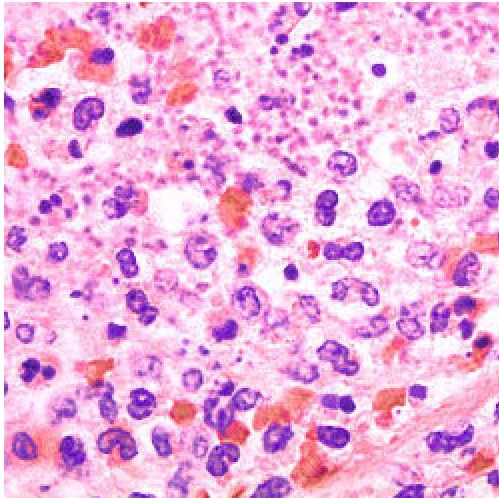
- 3-dimensional images consisting of voxels
- “Image stack”
- Often anisotropic (not equally large in all directions)



$$l_x = l_y \neq l_z$$

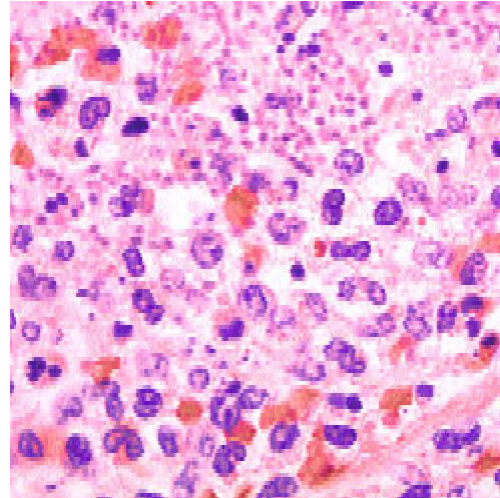


- Voxel size has immediate impact on image quality and thus, on processing / analysis results.



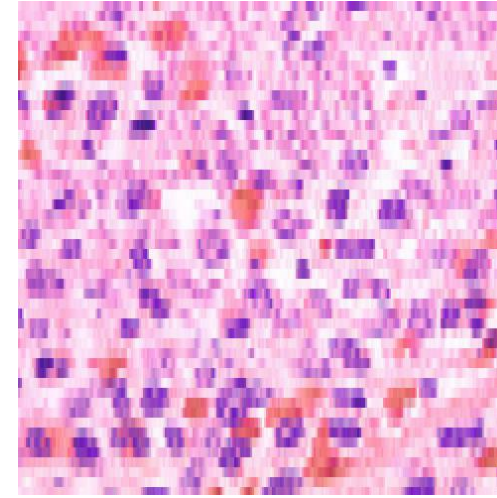
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250 x 250 px



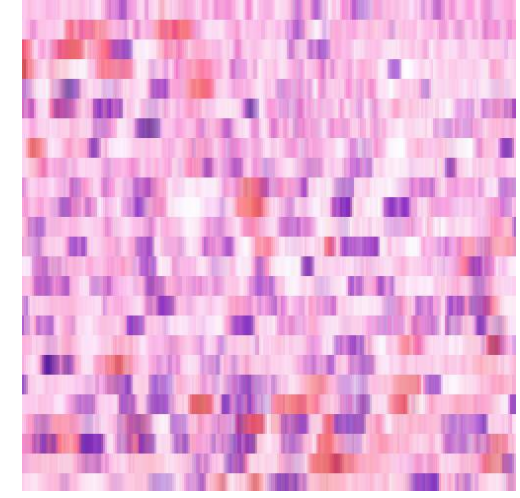
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250 x 125 px



1:5

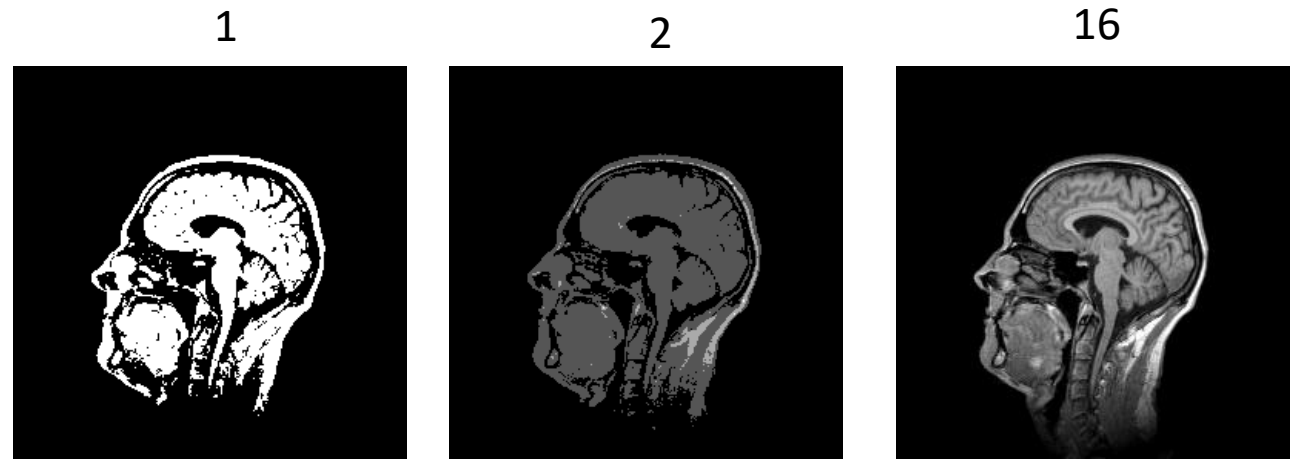
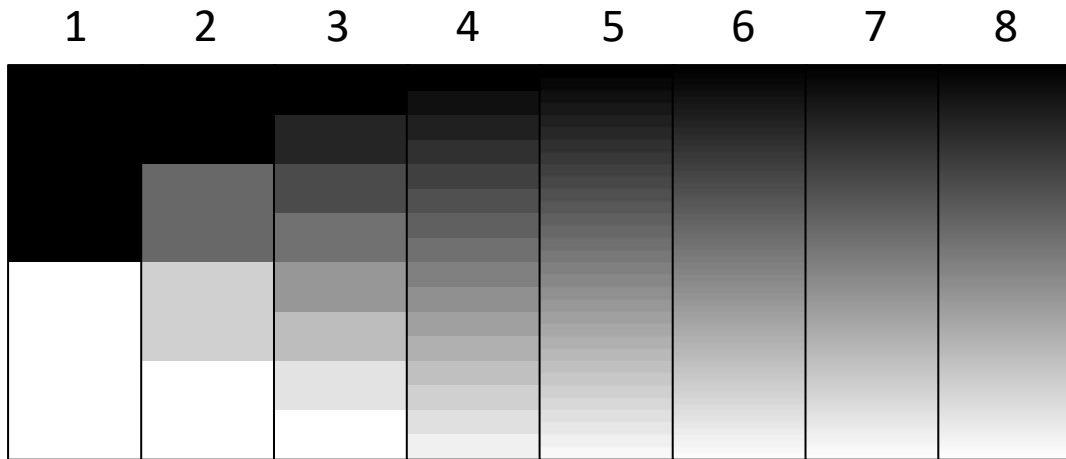
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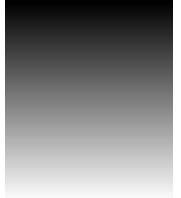
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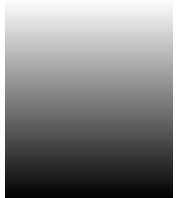
250 x 25 px

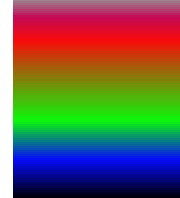
- A bits is the smallest memory unit in computers, *atomic data*.
- The bit-depth n enumerates how many different intensity values are present in an image:
 - 2^n grey values
- In microscopy, images are usually stored as 8, 12 or 16-bit images.

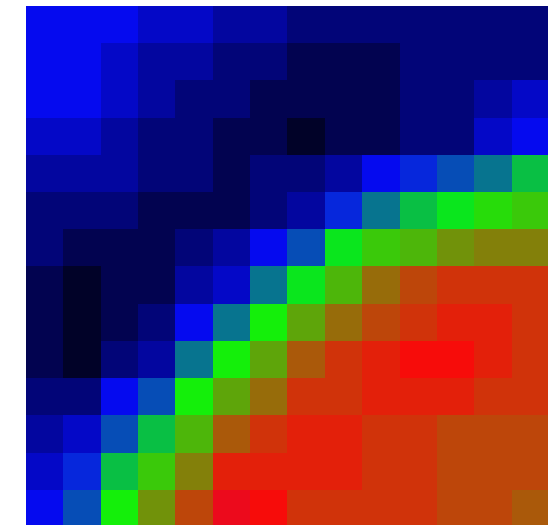
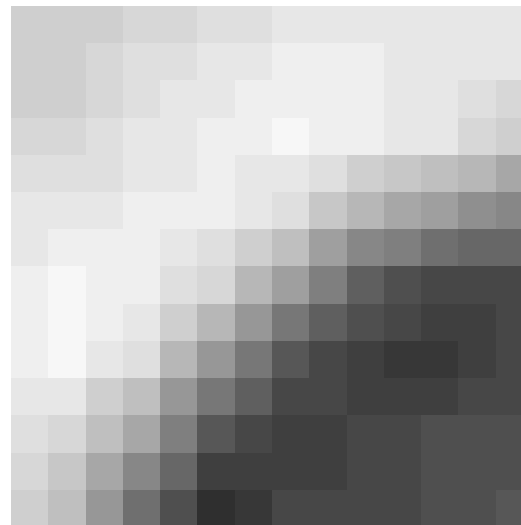
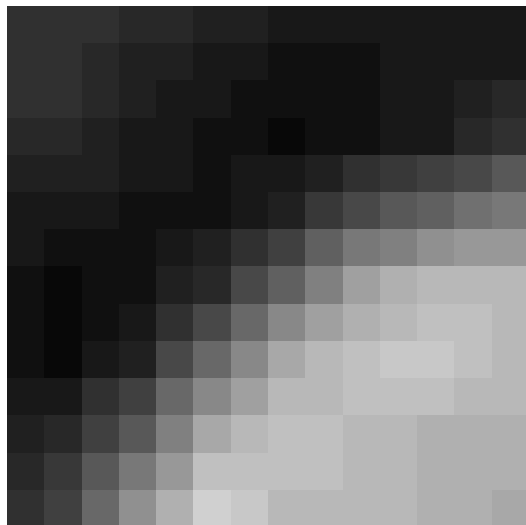


- The lookup table decides how the image is displayed on screen.
- Applying a different lookup table does not change the image. All pixel values stay the same, they just appear differently

Pixel value	Display color
0	
1	
2	
...	
255	

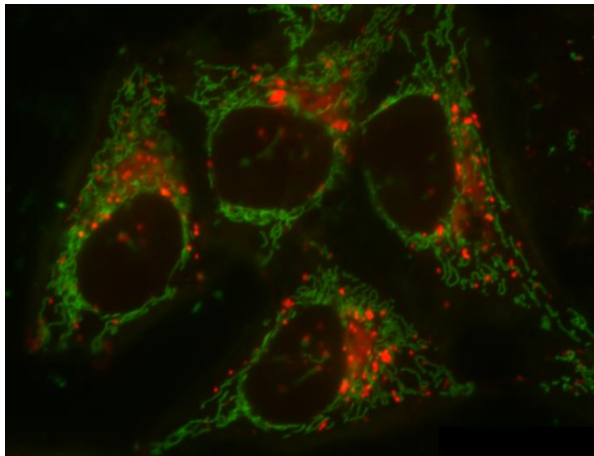
Pixel value	Display color
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...	
255	

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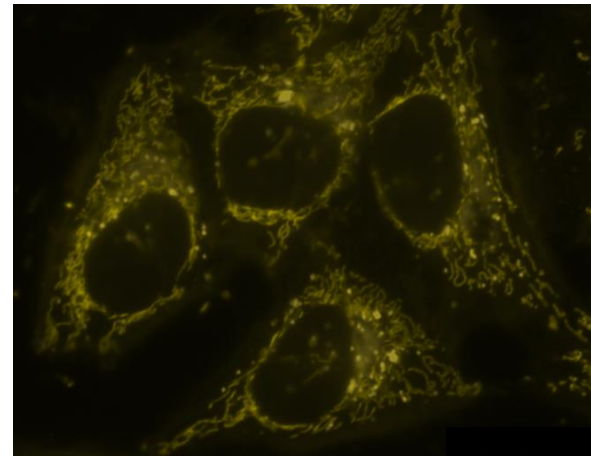


- Choose visualization of your color tables wisely!
- Think of people with red/green blindness!

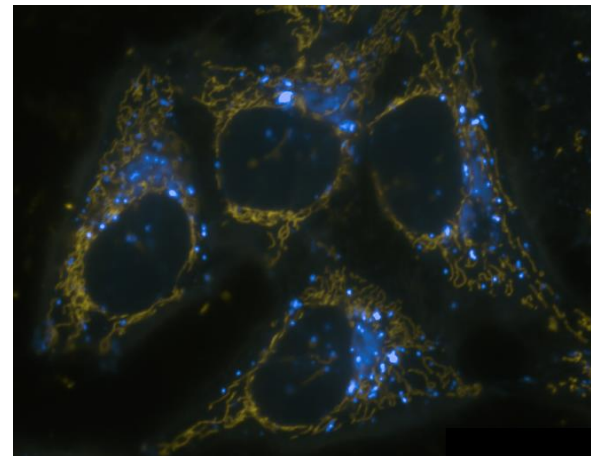
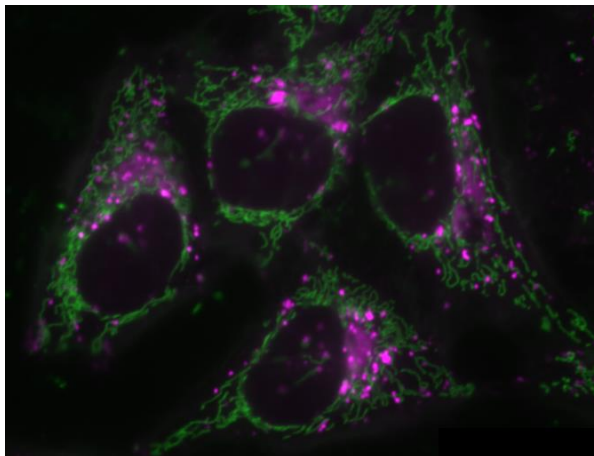
Common view



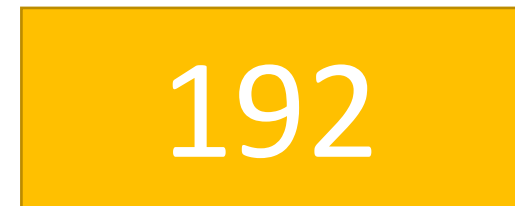
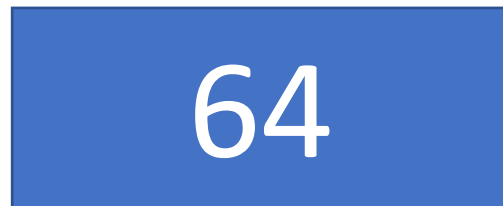
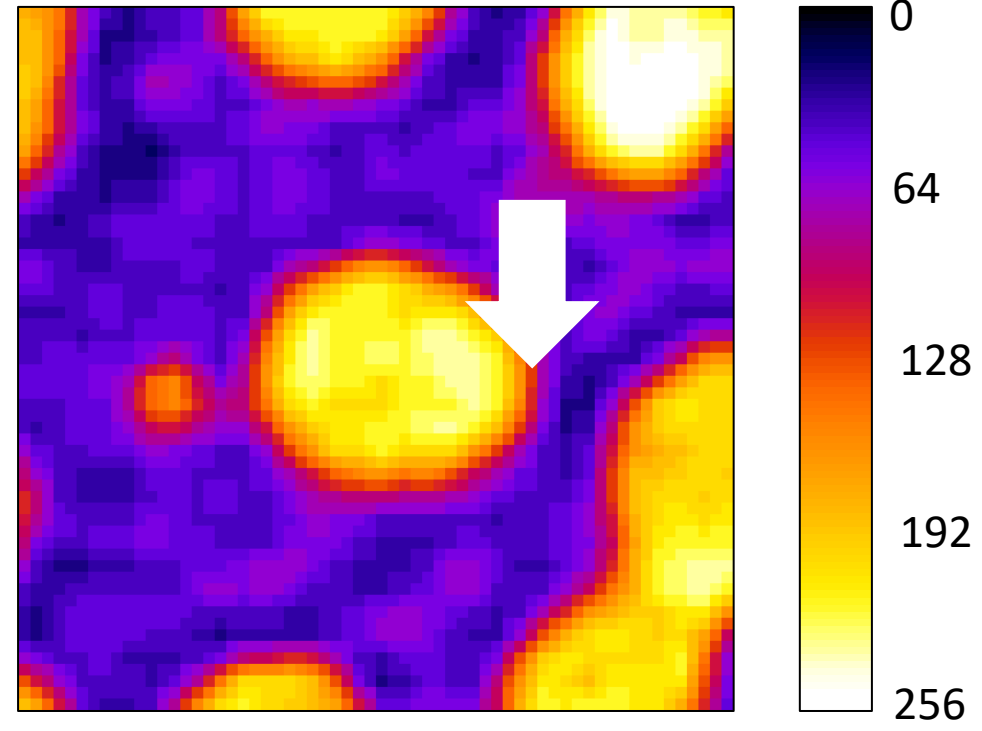
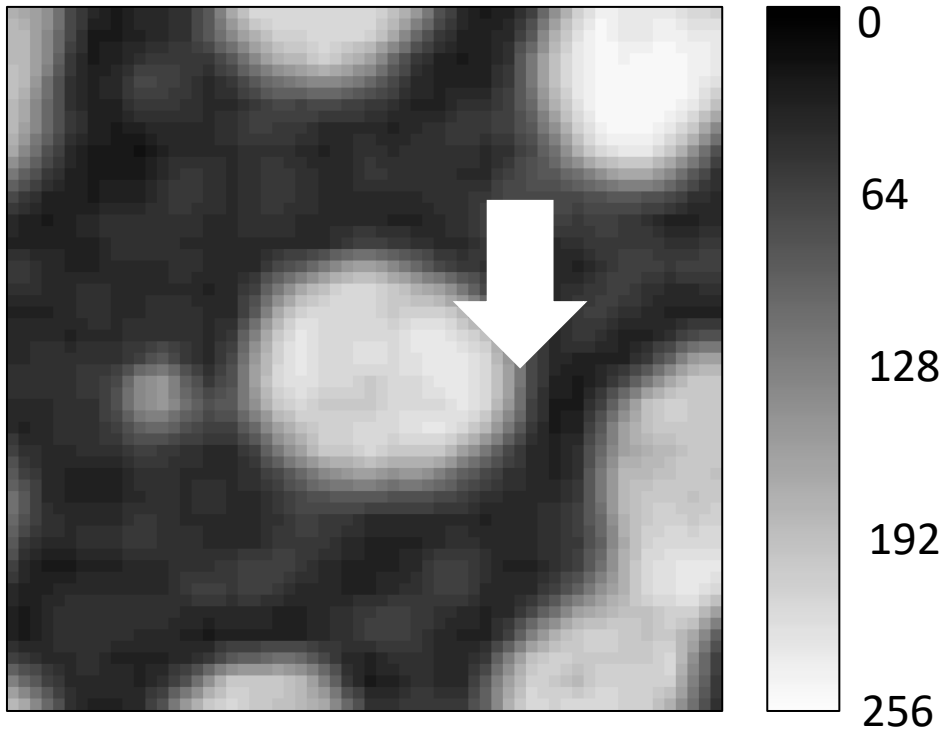
Red/green blind people may see it like



Replace red with
magenta!

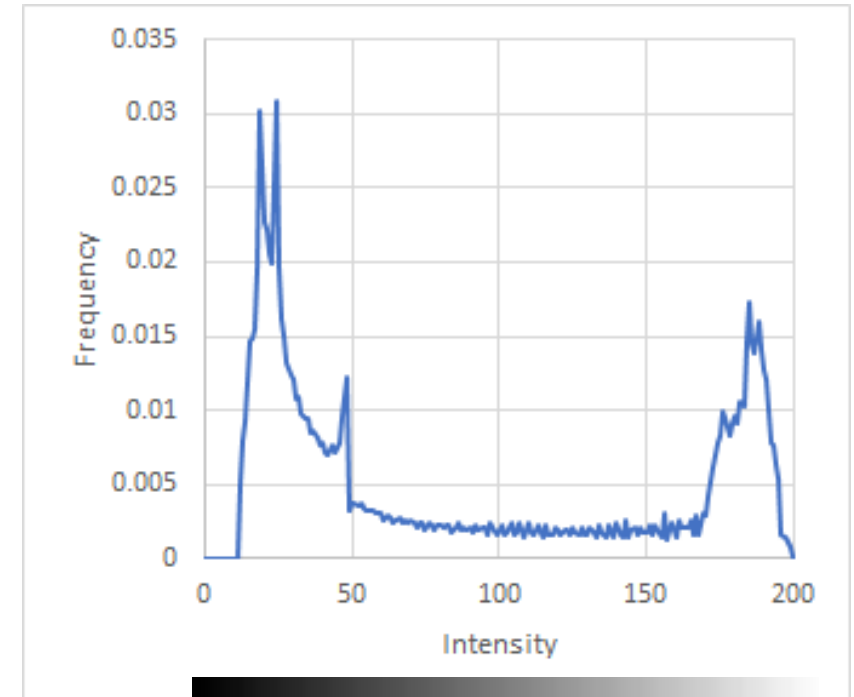
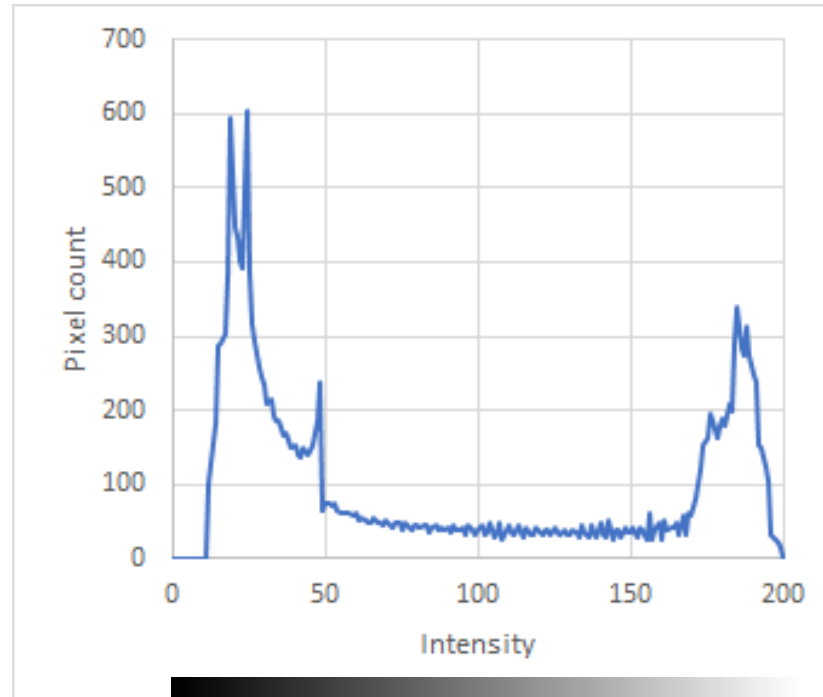
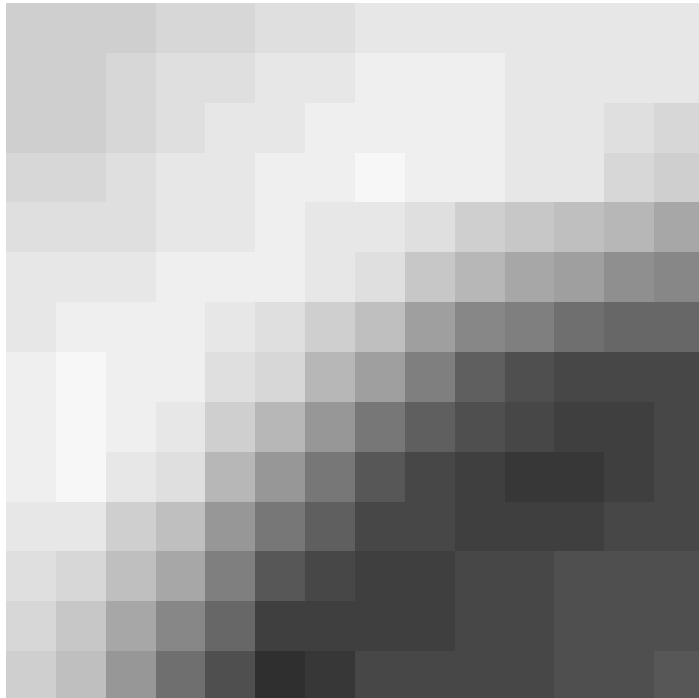


- Which intensity does the marked pixel have?

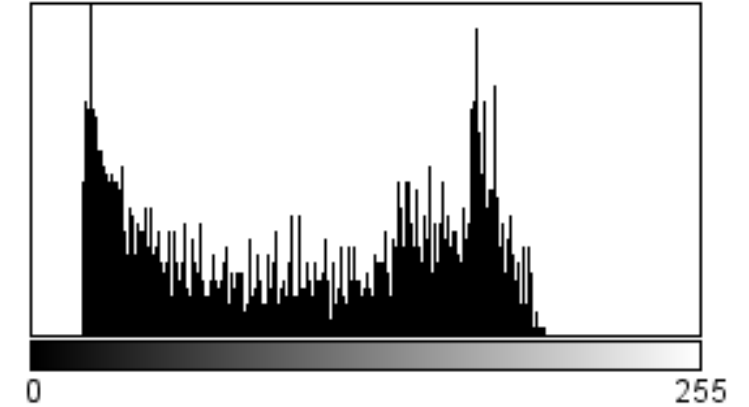
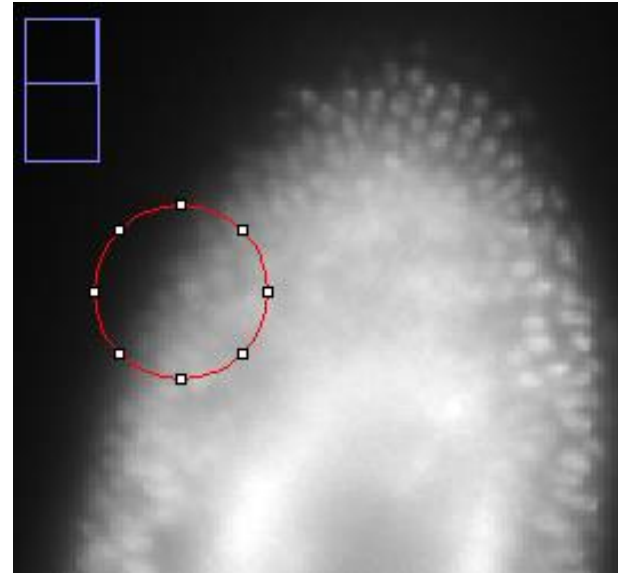


Histograms

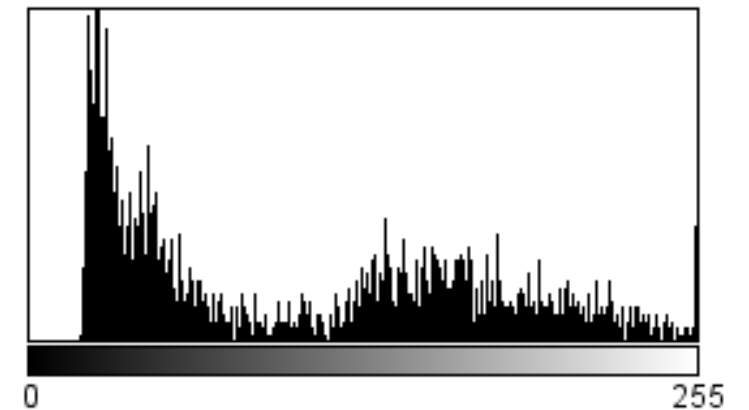
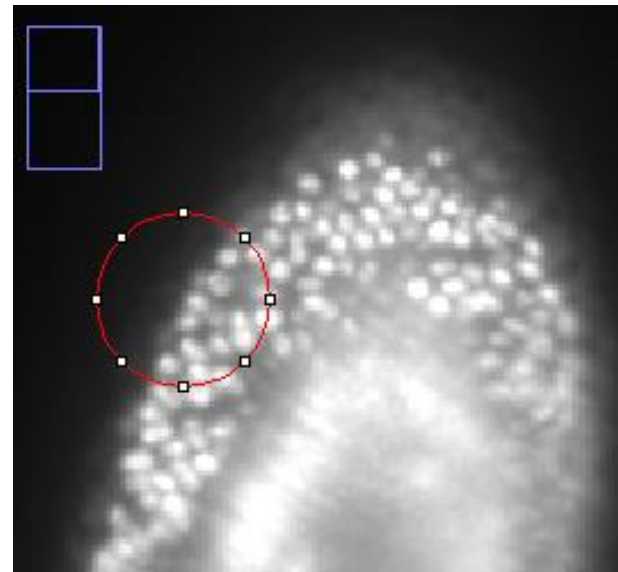
- A histogram shows the probability distribution of pixel intensities.
- The probability of a pixel having a certain grey value can be measured by counting pixels and calculating the frequency of the given intensity.
- Whenever you see a histogram, try to imagine the lookup-table on the X-axis



- Histograms are summaries of images
- Tell stories, e.g. about image quality

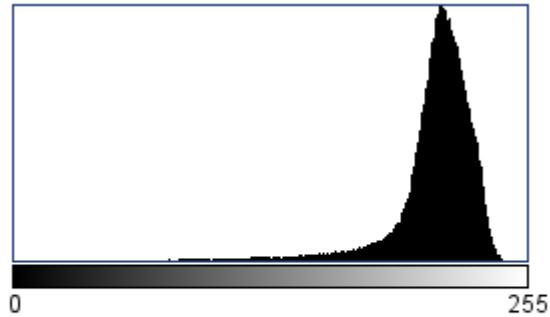


Count: 2053 Min: 19
Mean: 103.818 Max: 196
StdDev: 57.093 Mode: 22 (41)



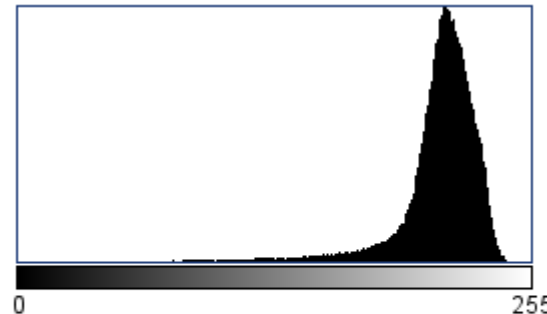
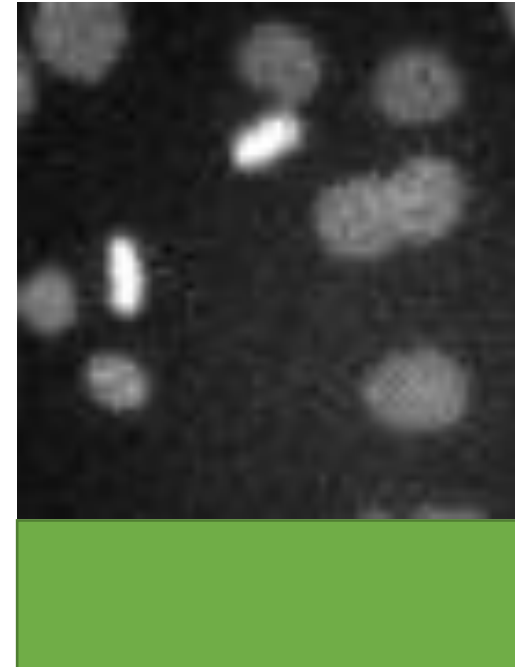
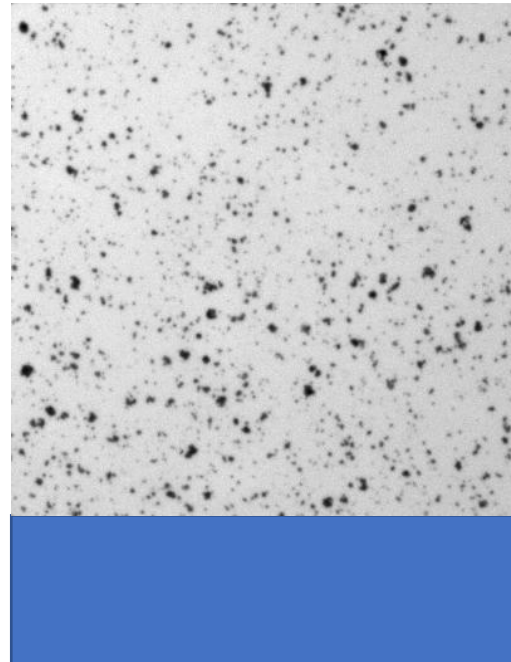
Count: 2053 Min: 19
Mean: 103.370 Max: 255
StdDev: 70.260 Mode: 25 (49)

- To which of the three images does this histogram belong to?



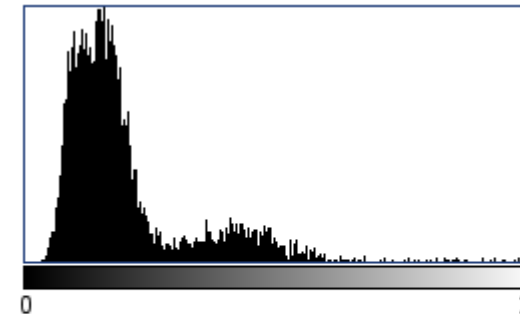
N: 165648
Mean: 207.819
StdDev: 25.834
Value: 200

Min: 1
Max: 253
Mode: 212 (5234)
Count: 2219



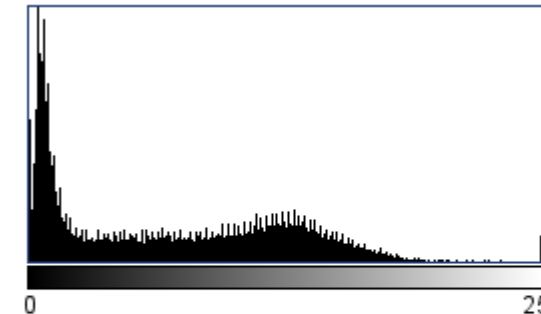
N: 165648
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StdDev: 25.834
Value: 200

Min: 1
Max: 253
Mode: 212 (5234)
Count: 2219



N: 4900
Mean: 51.060
StdDev: 36.426
Value: 64

Min: 8
Max: 255
Mode: 39 (125)
Count: 9



N: 65536
Mean: 70.929
StdDev: 59.567
Value: 59

Min: 0
Max: 255
Mode: 4 (2352)
Count: 239

Image Filtering

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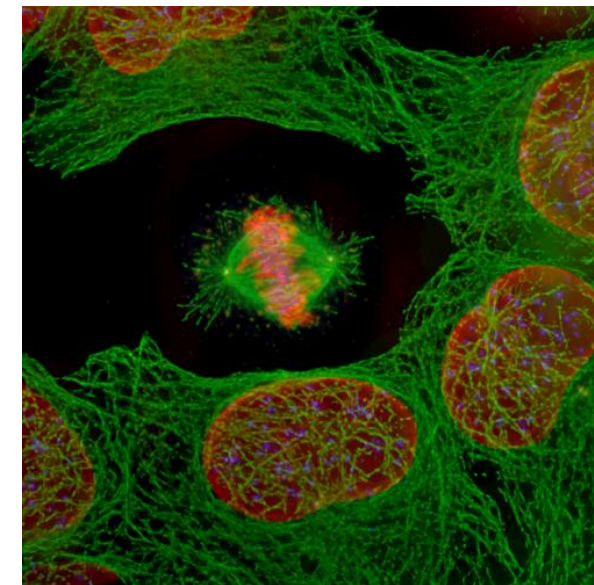
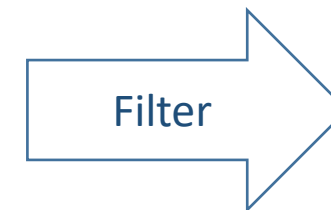
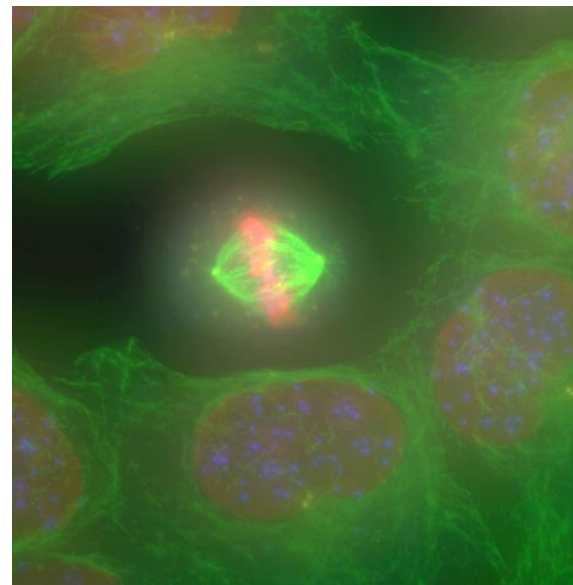
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- An image processing filter is an operation on an image.
- It takes an image and produces a new image out of it.
- Filters change pixel values.

- There is no “best” filter. Which filter fits your needs, depends on the context.
- Filters do not do magic. They can not make things visible which are not in the image.

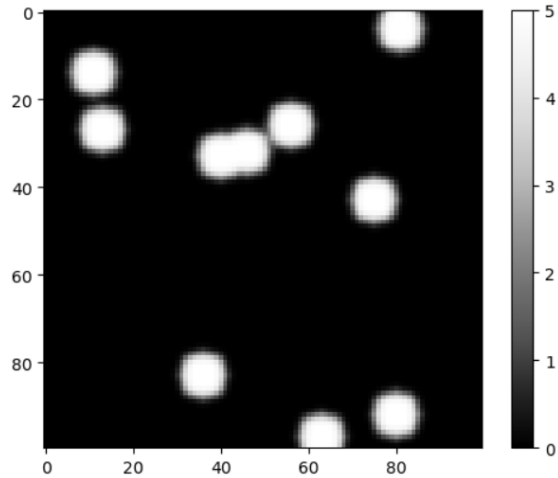
- Application examples

- Noise-reduction
- Artefact-removal
- Contrast enhancement
- Correct uneven illumination



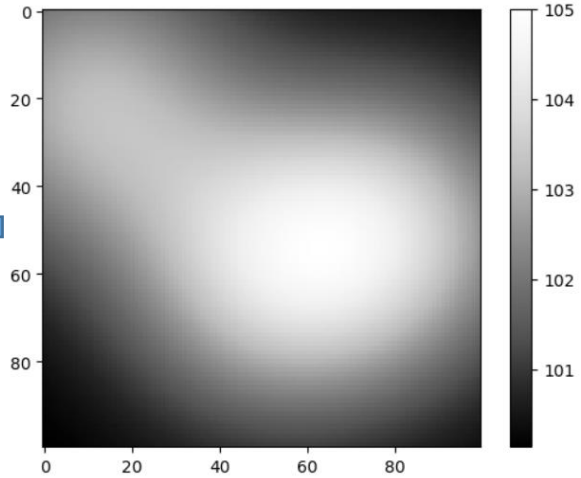
- Image formation (simulated)

“nuclei”



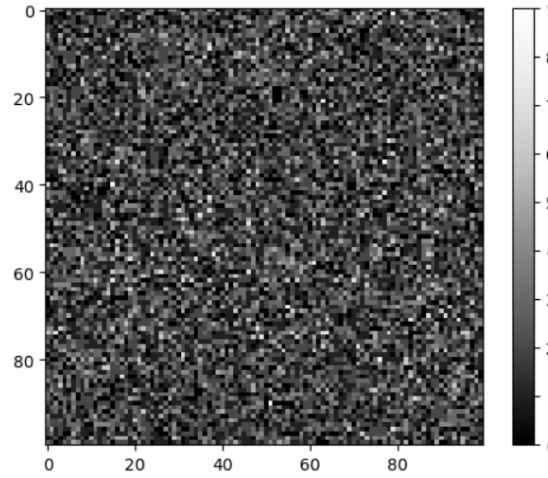
- Aberrations, defocus
- Motion blur

“background”



- Light from objects behind and in front of the scene (out-of-focus light)
- Dirt on the object slide
- Camera offset

“noise”

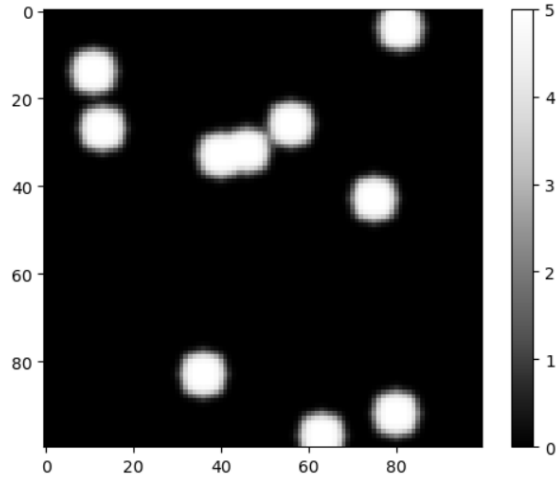


- Shot noise (arriving photons)
- Dark noise (electrons made from photons)
- Read-out-noise (electronics)

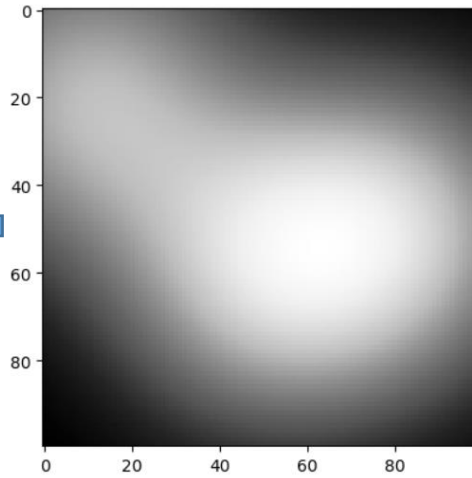
Effects harming image quality

- Image formation (simulated)

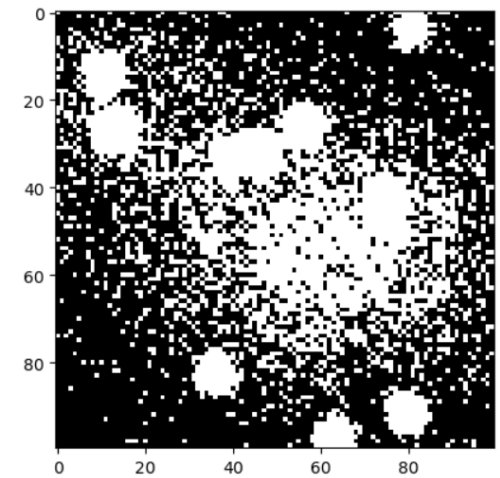
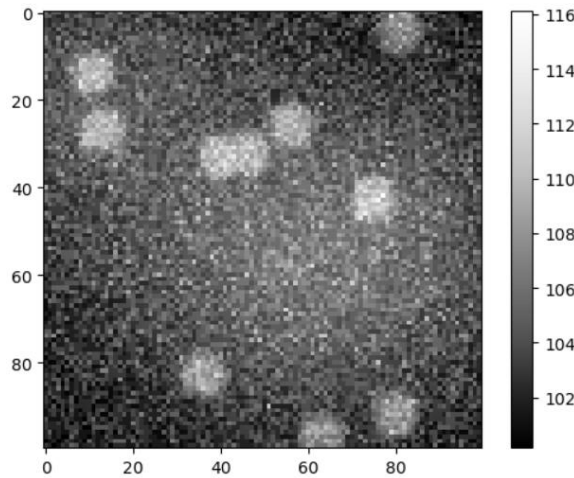
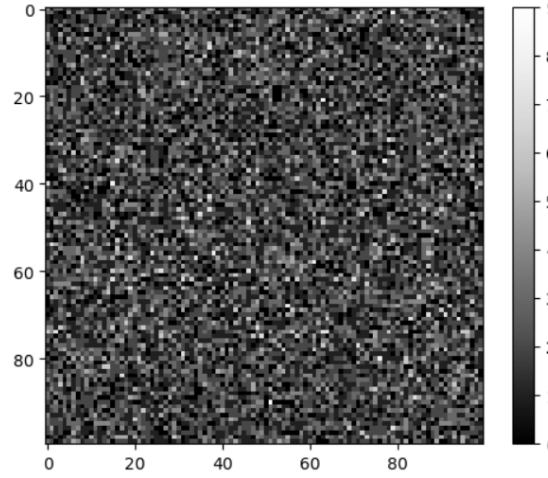
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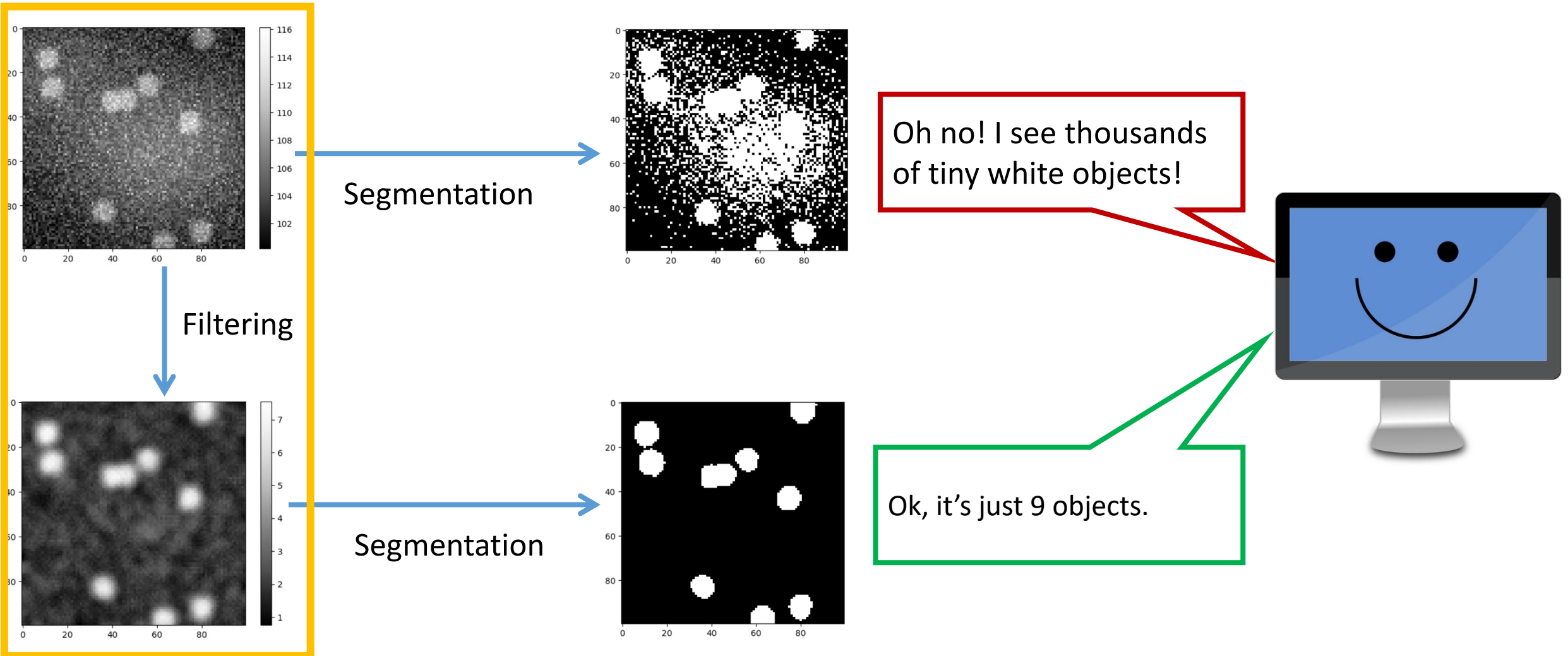
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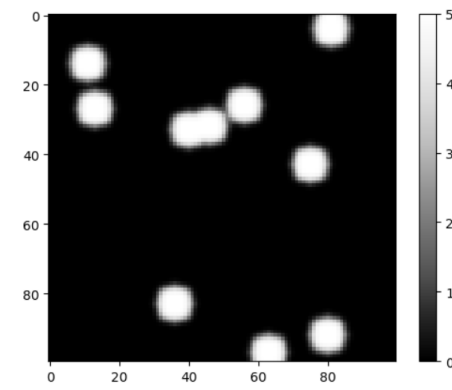
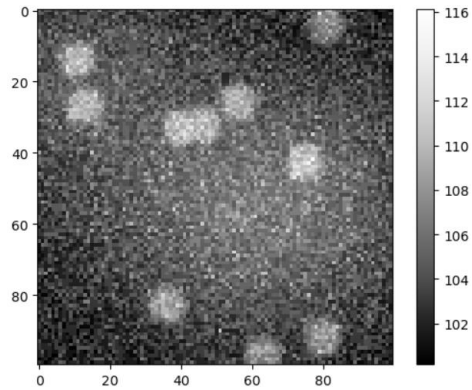
“noise”



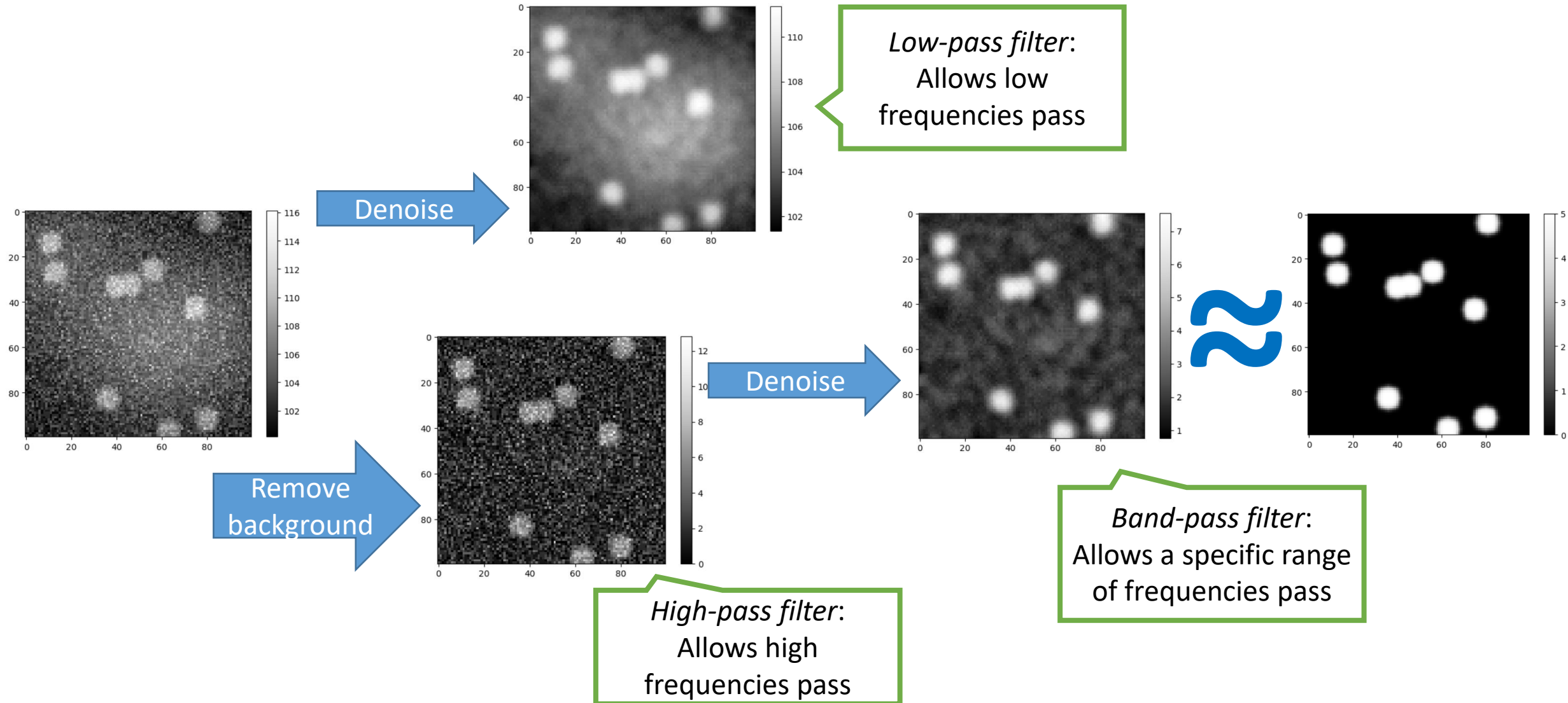
- We need to remove the noise to help the computer *interpreting* the image



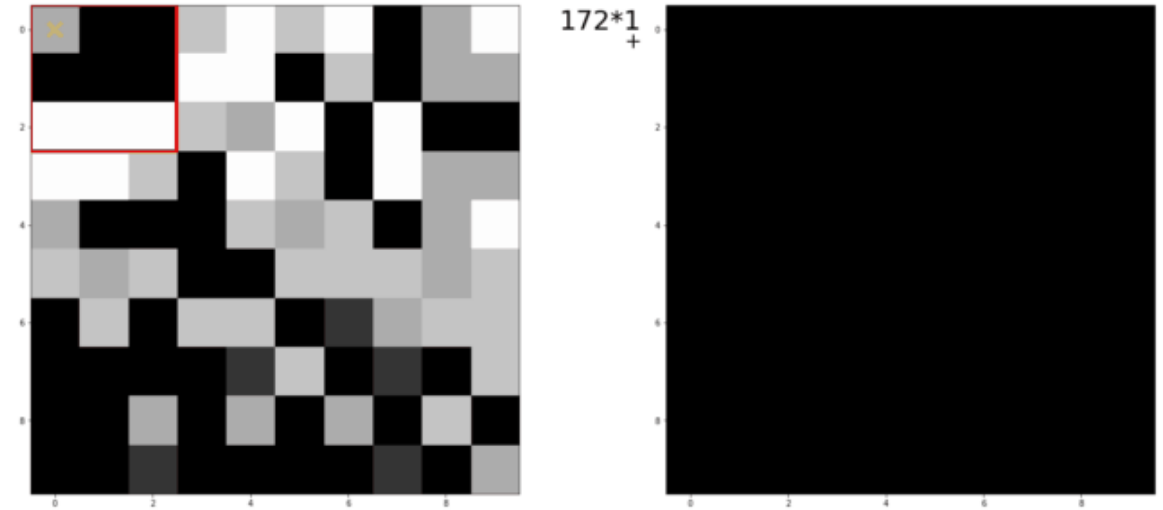
- Attempt to invert / “undo” processes disturbing image quality



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- *Linear filters* replace each pixel value with a weighted linear combination of surrounding pixels
- Filter *kernels* are matrices describing a linear filter
- This multiplication of surrounding pixels according to a matrix is called *convolution*



Mean filter, 3x3 kernel

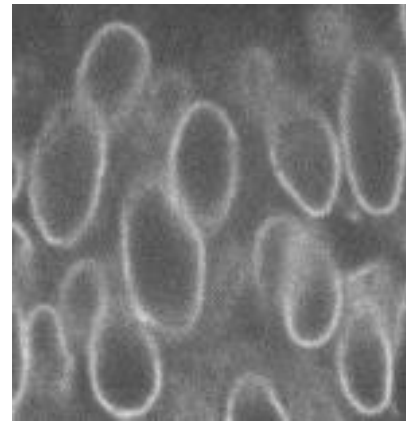
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/9 & 1/9 & 1/9 \\ 1/9 & 1/9 & 1/9 \\ 1/9 & 1/9 & 1/9 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Terminology:

- “We convolve an image with a kernel.”
- Convolution operator: *

- Examples

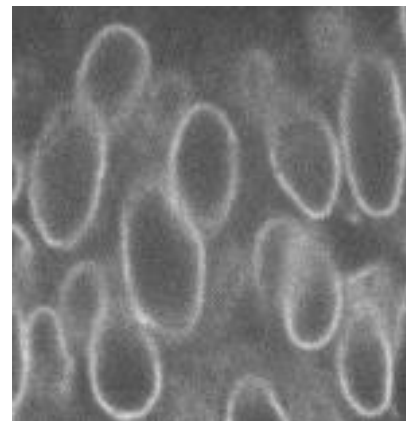
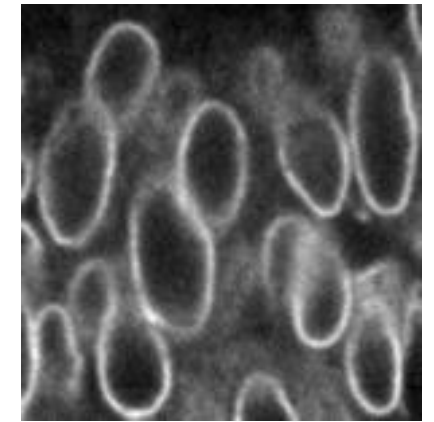
- Mean
- Gaussian blur
- Sobel-operator
- Laplace-filter



*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 8 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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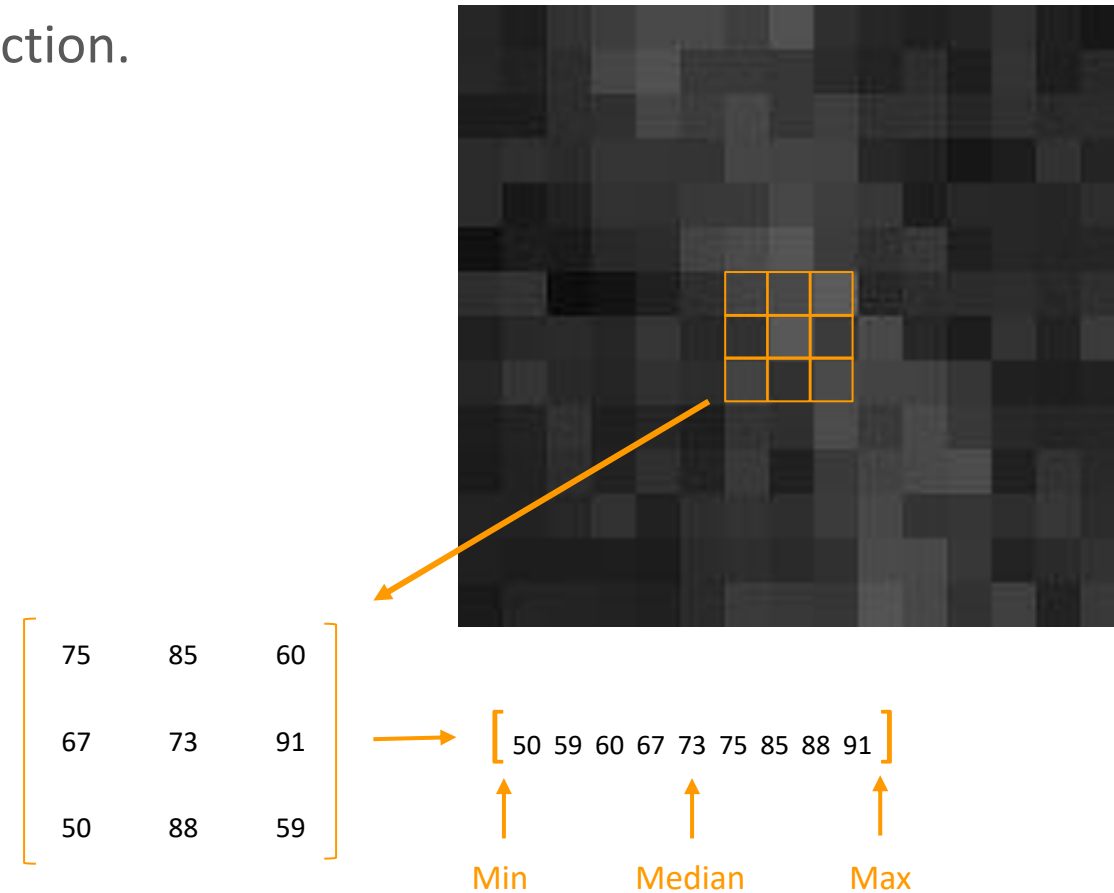
*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- Non linear filters also replace pixel value inside as rolling window but using a non-linear function.
- Examples: order statistics filters
 - Min
 - Median
 - Max
 - Variance
 - Standard deviation



- Gaussian filter
- Median filter (computationally expensive)

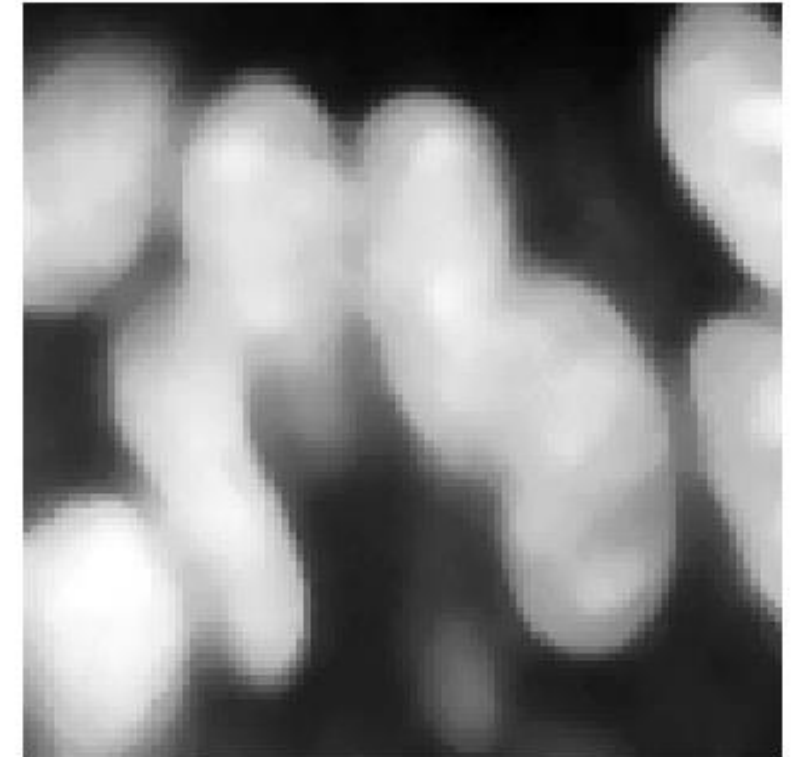
Original



Gaussian

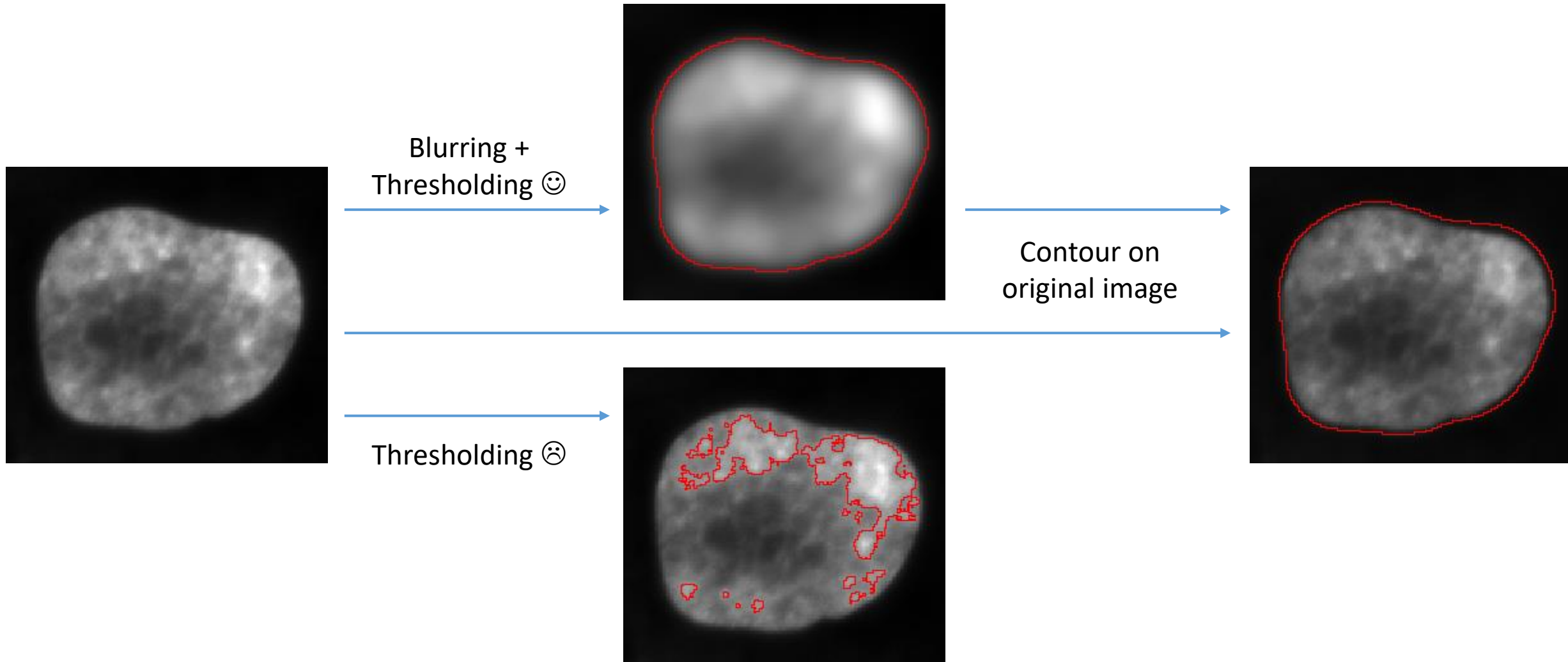


Median

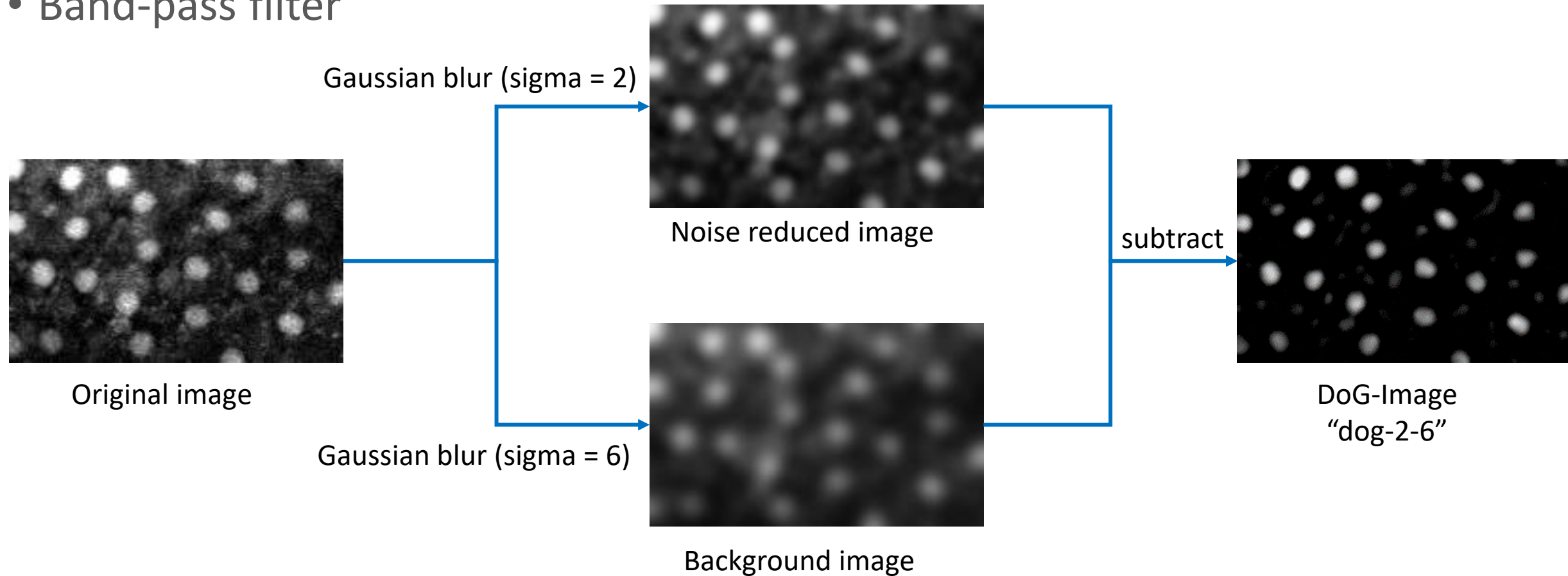


Filtering for improving thresholding results

- In case thresholding algorithms outline the wrong structure, blurring in advance may help.
- However: **Do not** continue processing the blurred image, continue with the original!

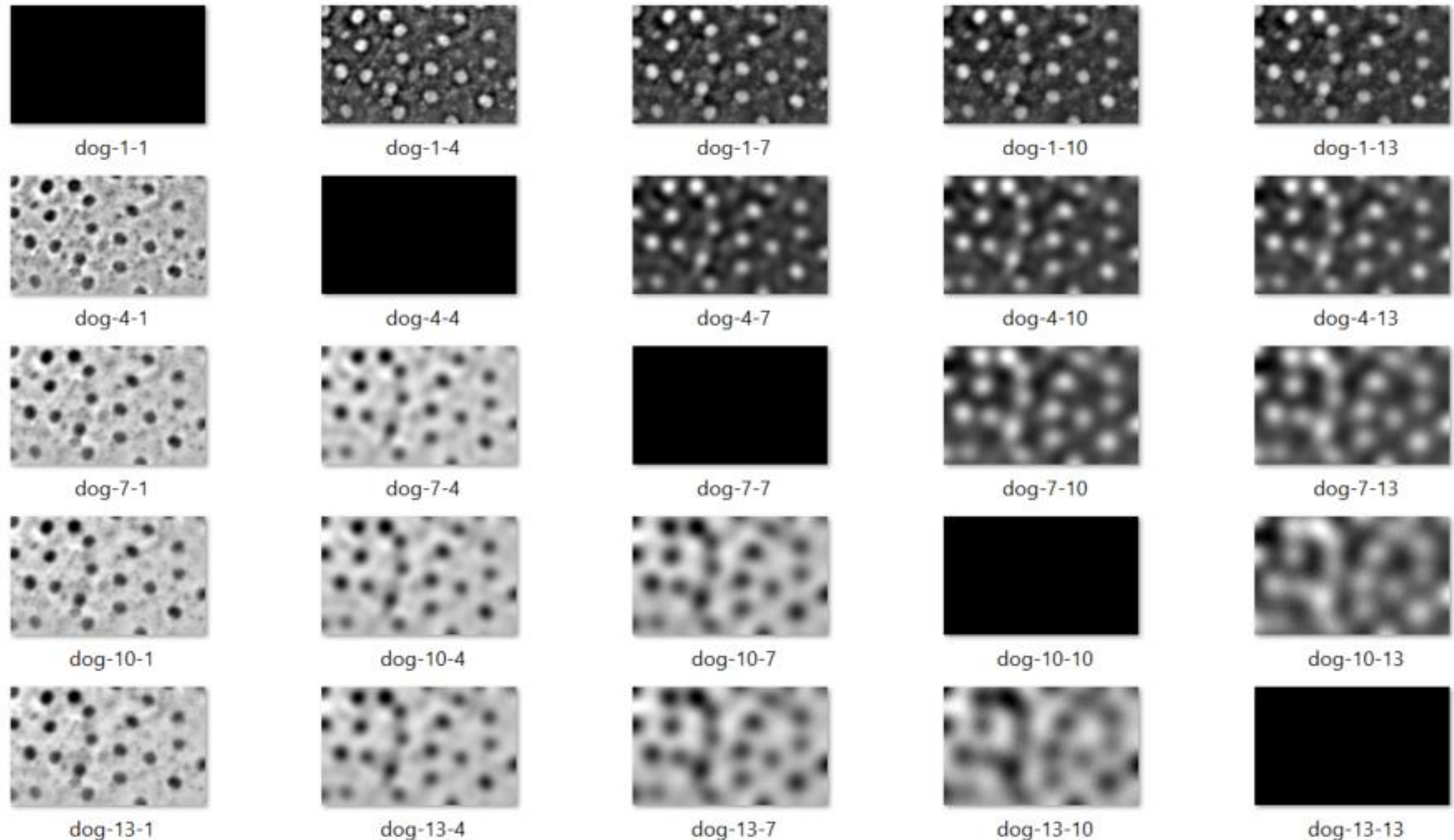


- Improve image in order to detect bright objects.
- Band-pass filter

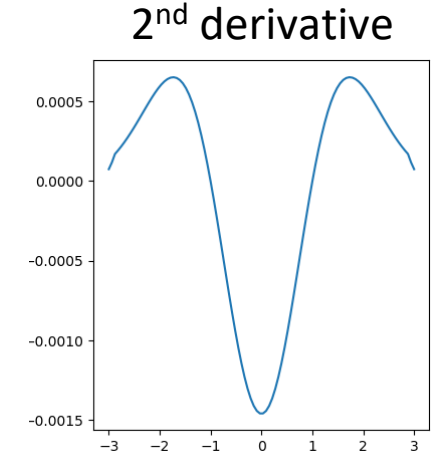
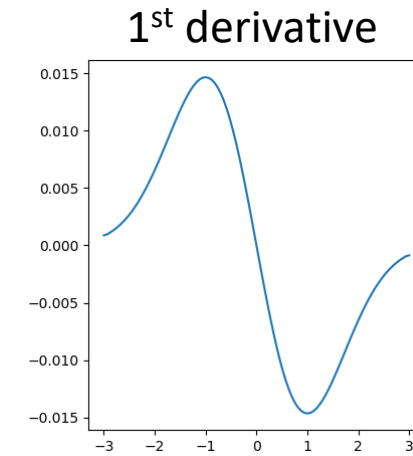
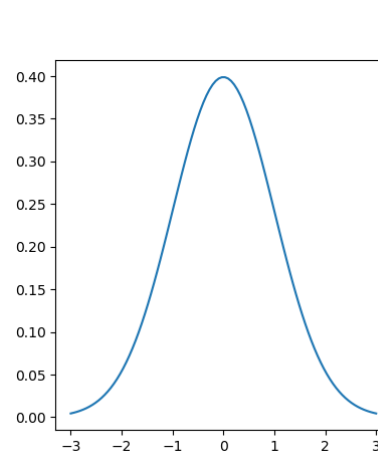
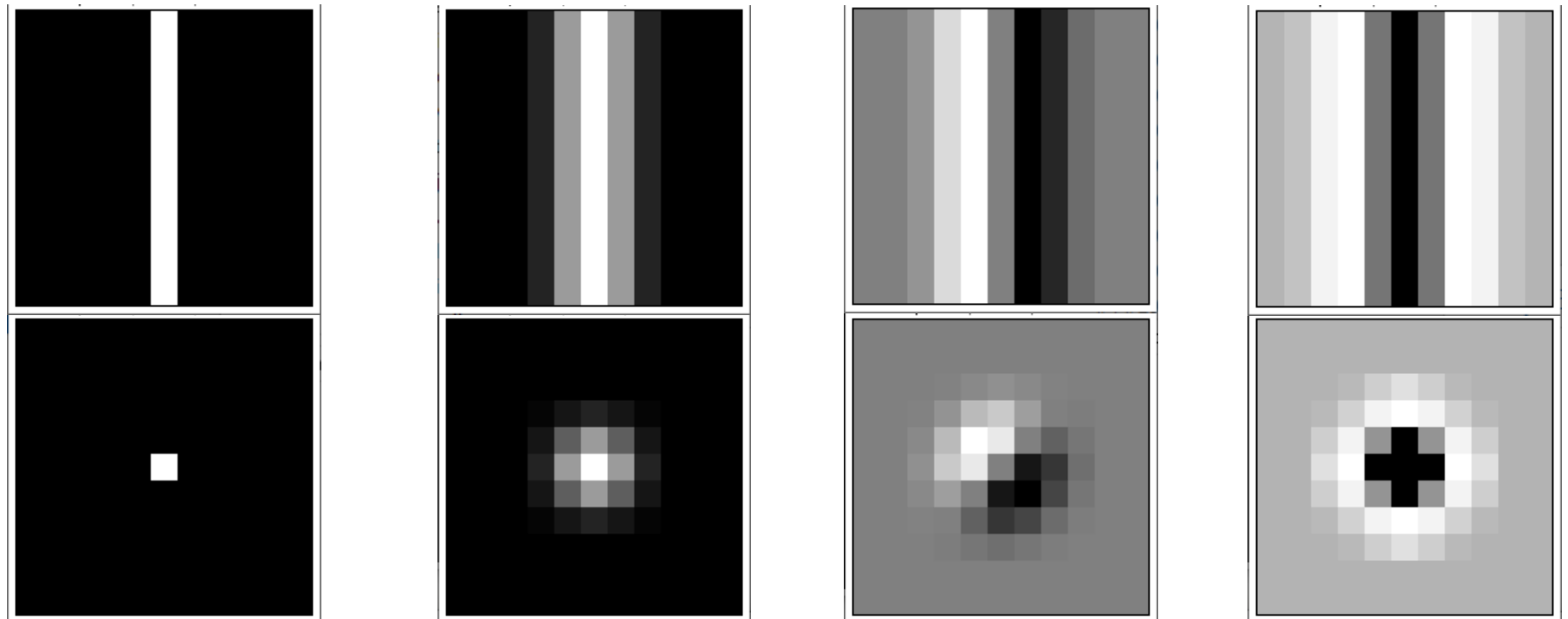


Difference-of-Gaussian (DoG)

- Example DoG images

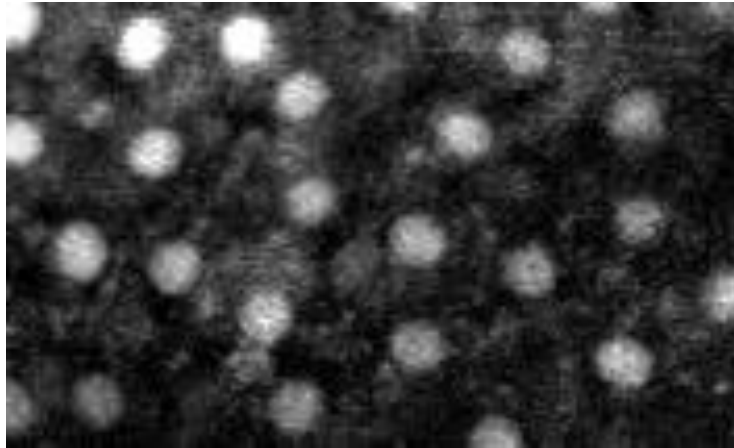


- *Second derivative of a Gaussian blur filter*
- Used for edge-detection and edge enhancement
- Also known as the *Mexican-hat-filter*



Laplacian-of-Gaussian (LoG)

Laplace filter



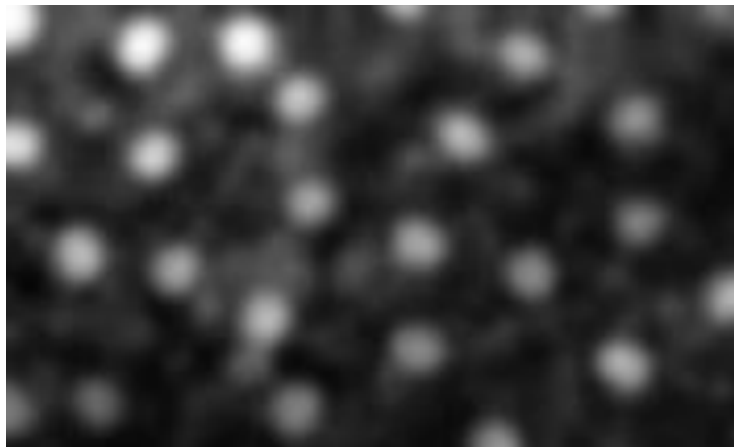
$$* \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} =$$



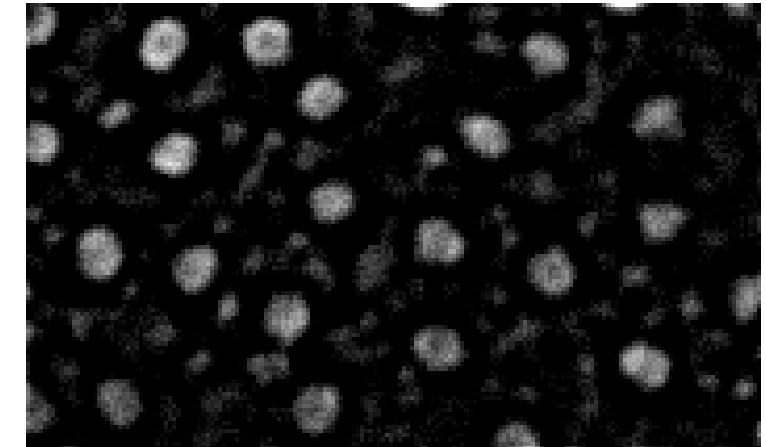
Laplace filtered image

Gaussian filter

Laplacian of Gaussian filter

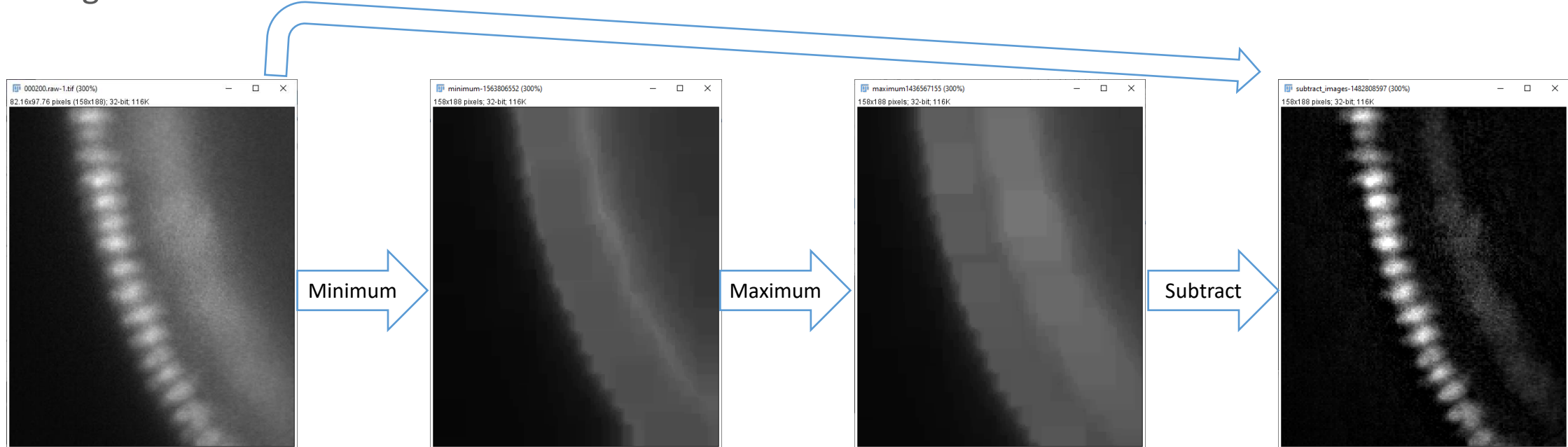


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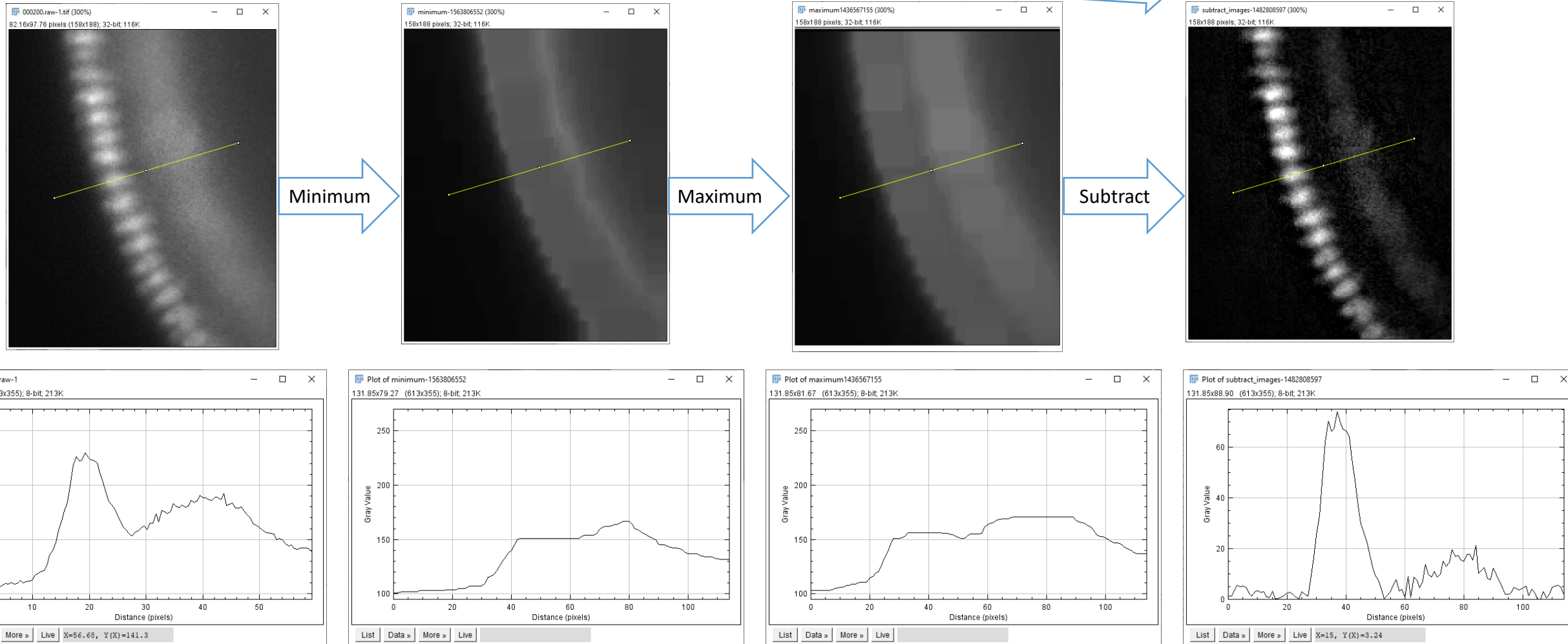


LoG image

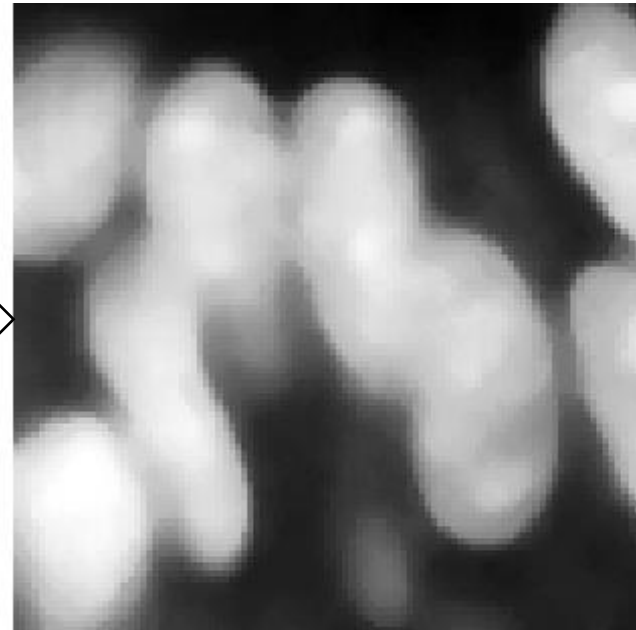
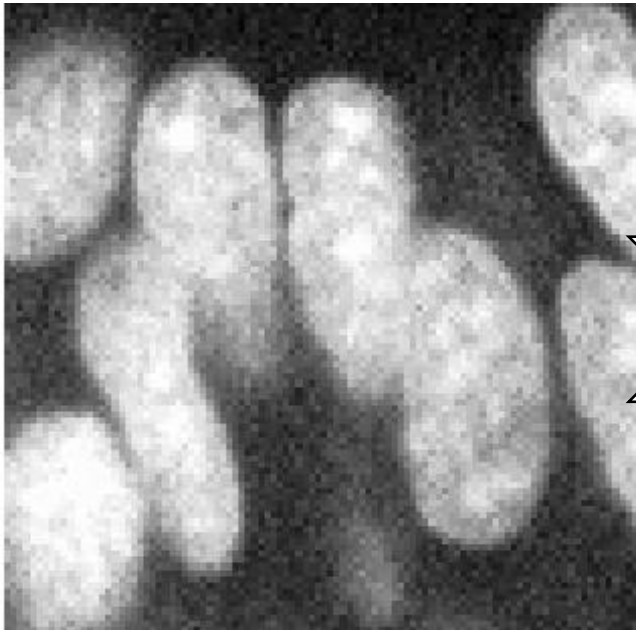
- Background subtraction



- Background subtraction



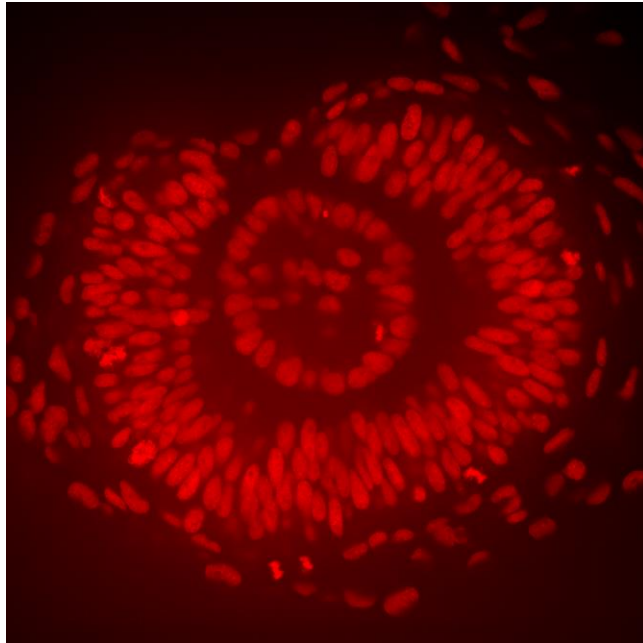
- The median filter is a ...



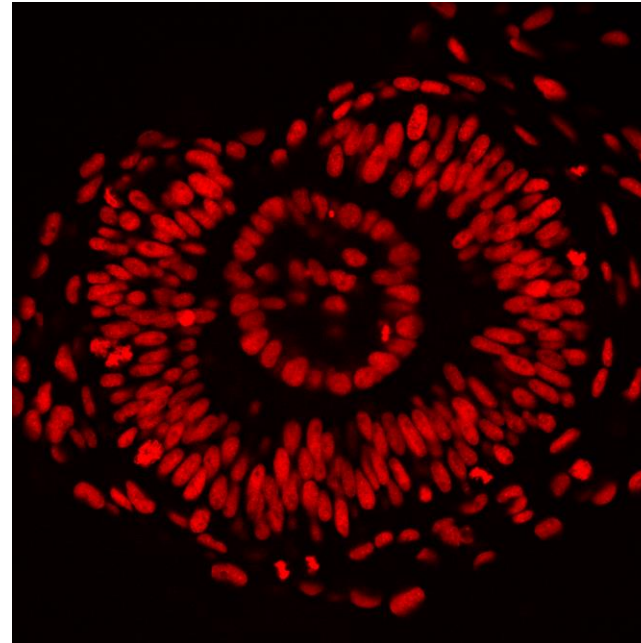
Linear filter

Non-linear filter

- Removing background from an image is a ... ?



Subtract
background



Low-pass
filter

High-pass
filter

Short detour: Image segmentation

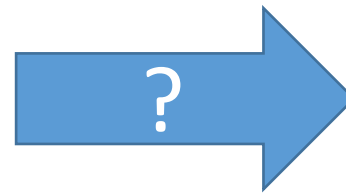
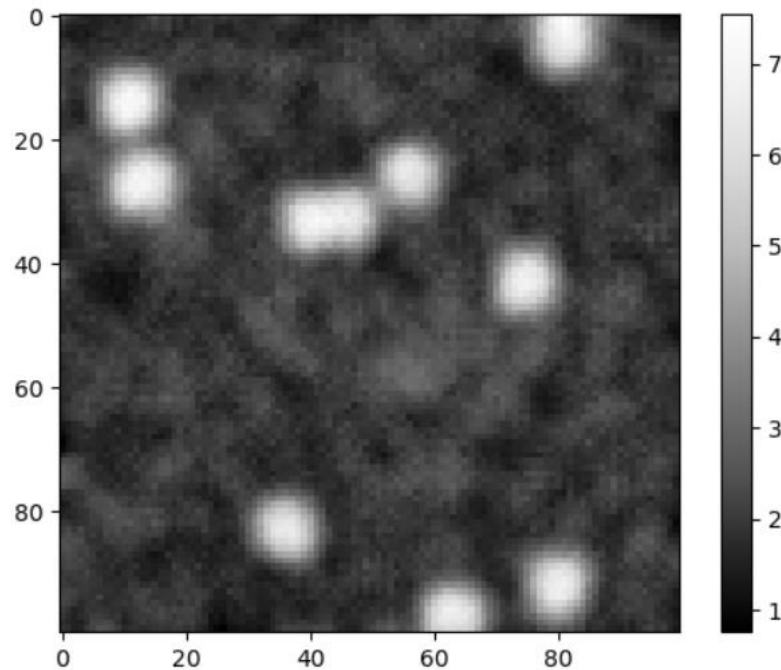
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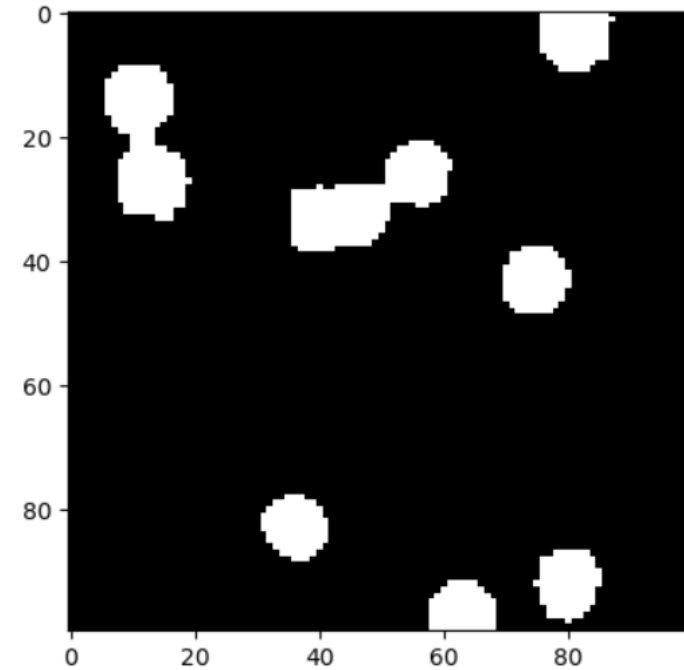
Thresholding

- Very basic and yet efficient segmentation technique
- Histogram based, to determine an intensity threshold
- Not state-of-the-art in many fields (anymore)

Intensity image



Binary image



- Searching for a threshold where the variance in both classes (above/below threshold) becomes minimal.

$$Var(I) = \sum_{i \in I} g_i - \bar{g}_I$$

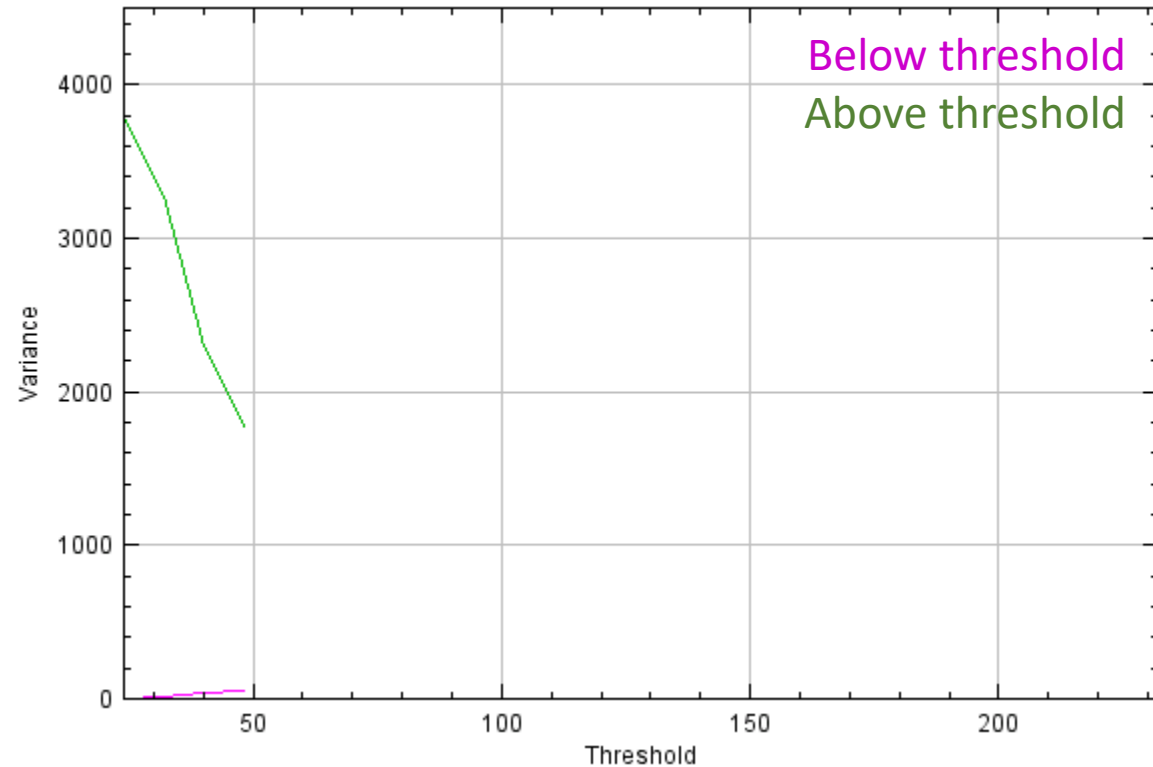
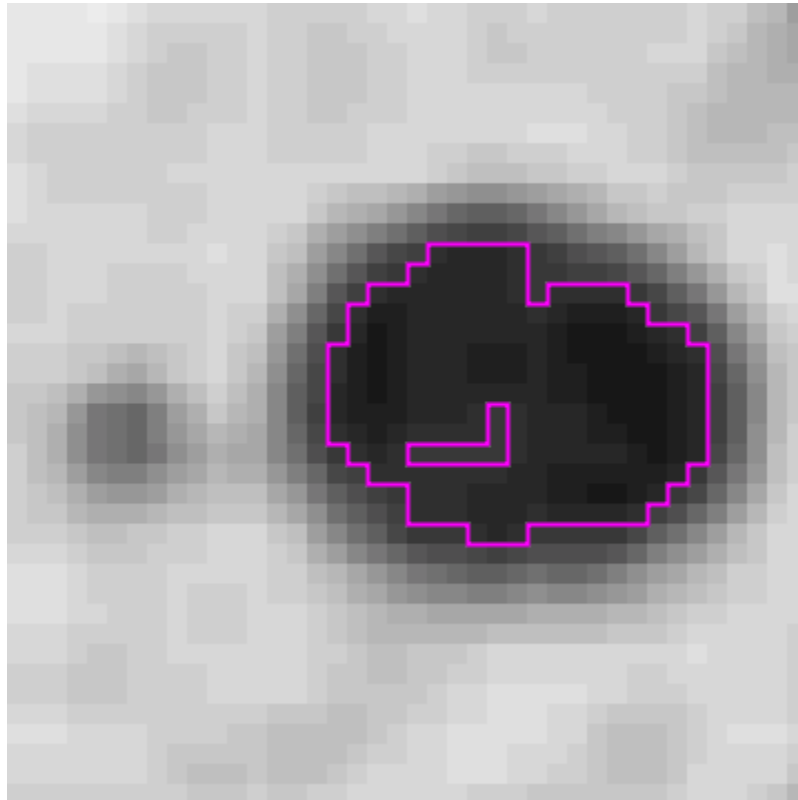
$$\bar{g}_I = \sum_{i \in I} \frac{g_i}{n_I}$$

$Var(I)$... Variance in image I

g_i ... grey value of a pixel i

\bar{g}_I ... mean grey value of the whole image I

n_I ... number of pixels in Image I



Thresholding: Otsu's method

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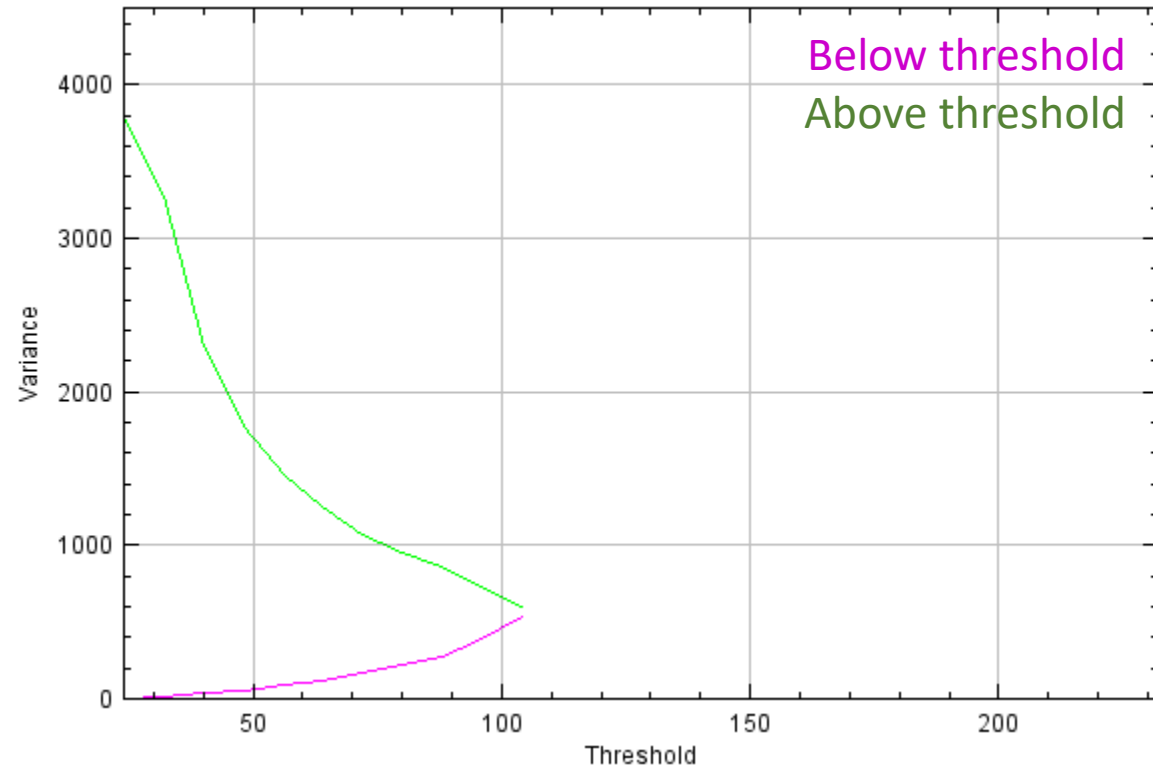
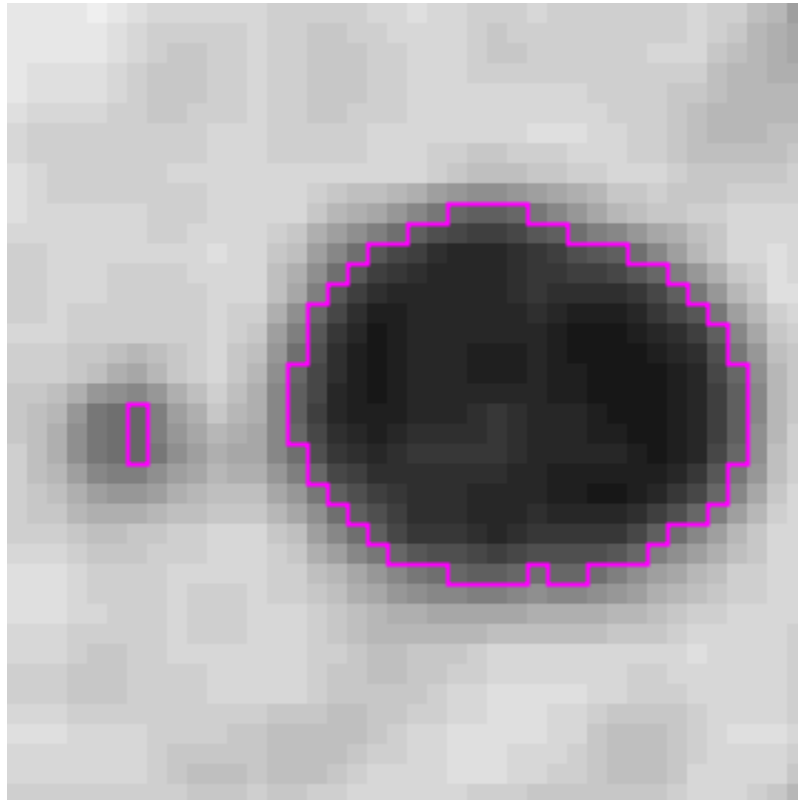
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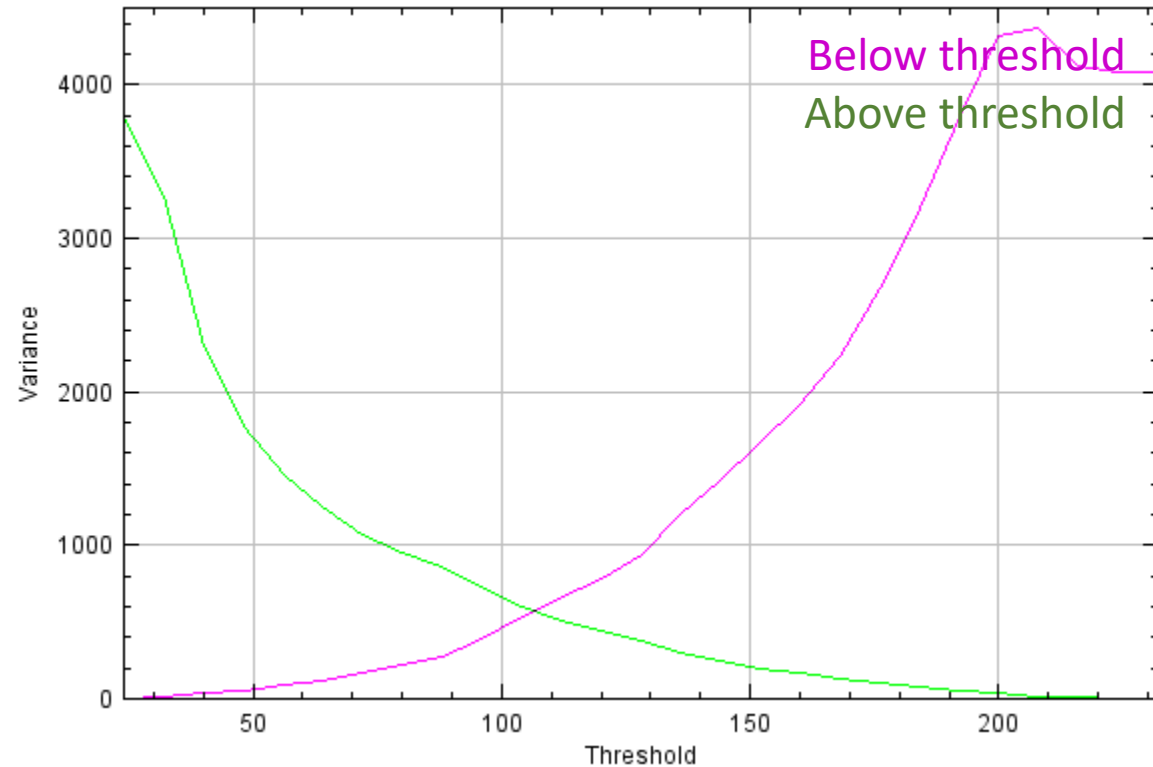
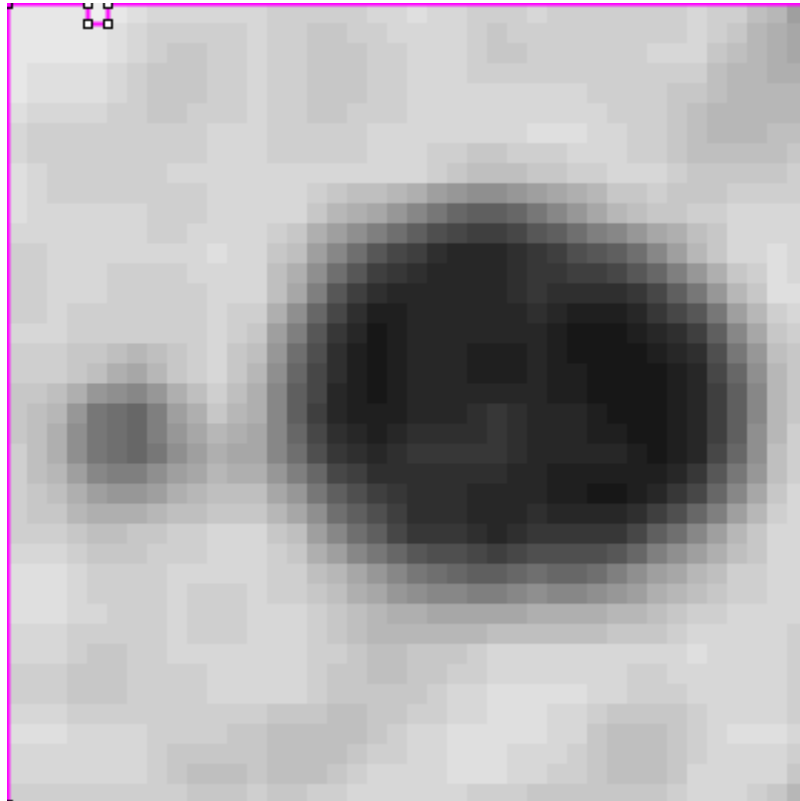
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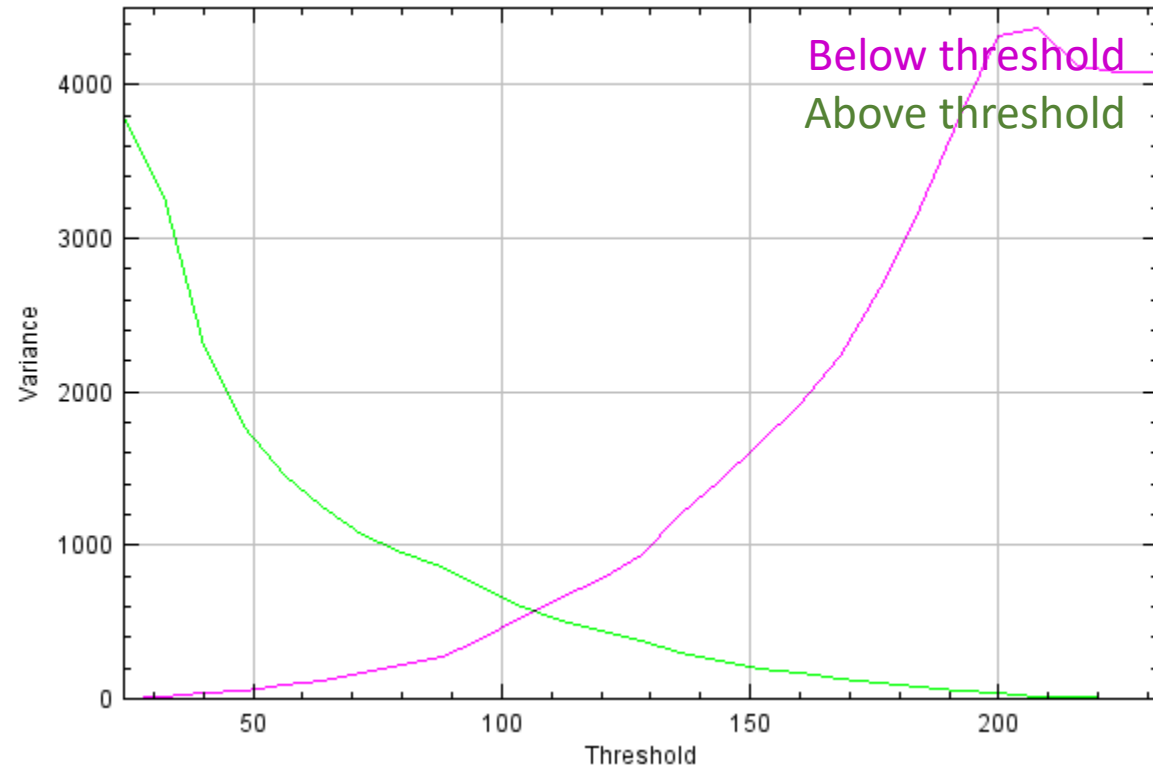
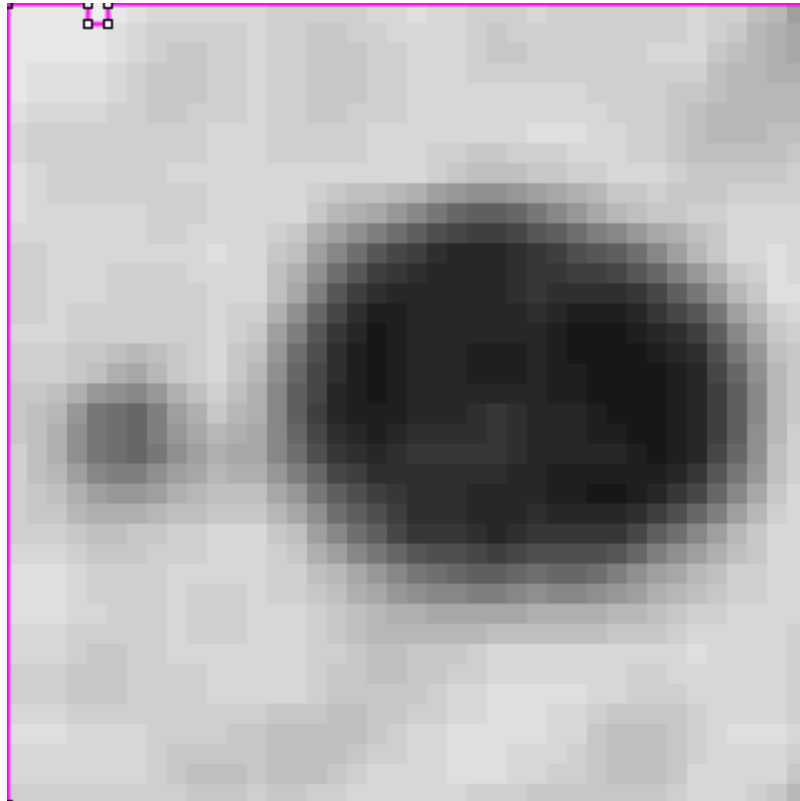
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Thresholding: Otsu's method

- Searching for a threshold where the variance in both classes (above/below threshold) becomes minimal.
- Weighted (!) sum variance

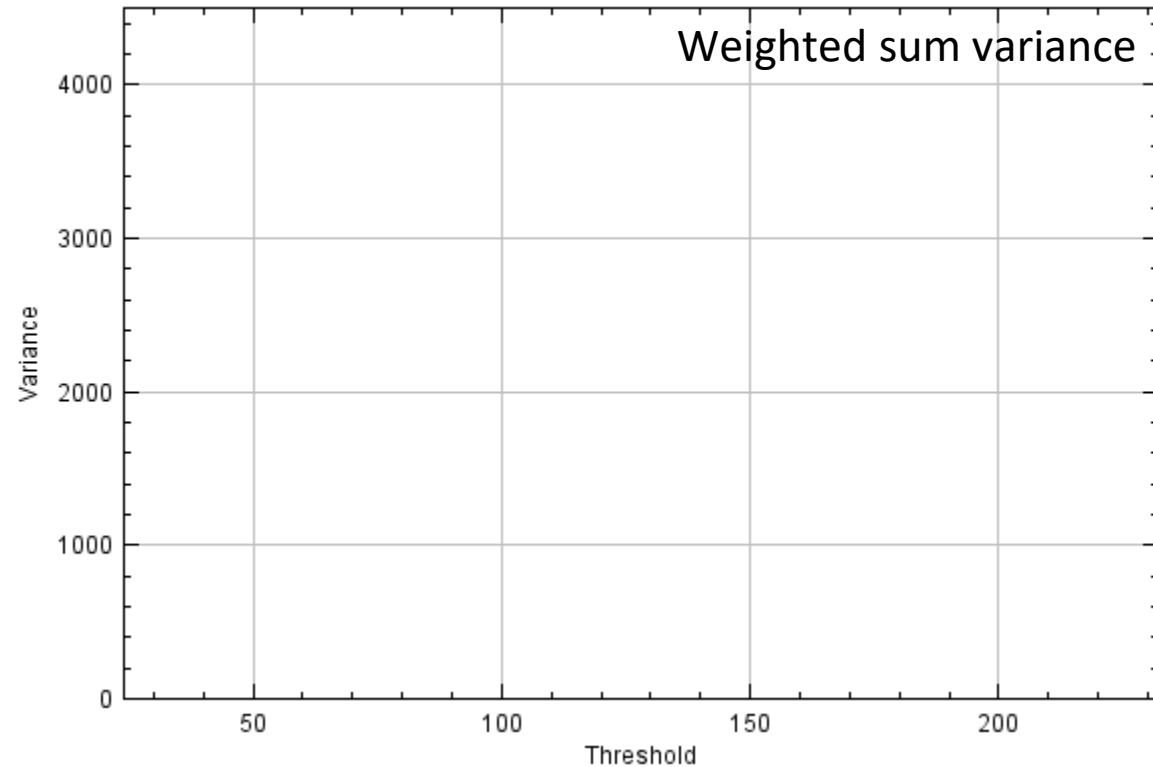
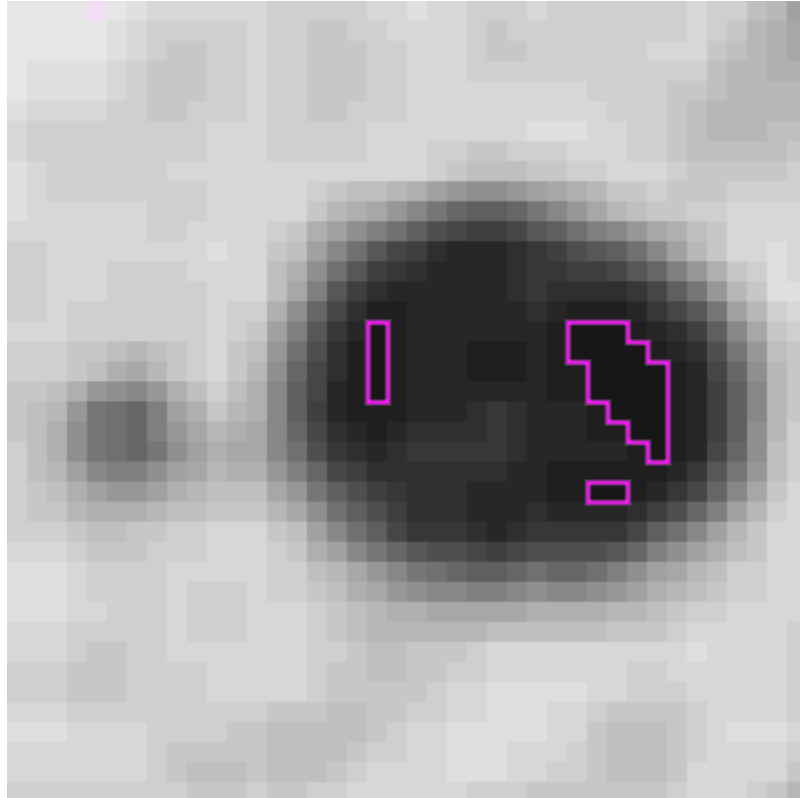
$$Var'(I) = \frac{n_A}{n_I} Var(A) + \frac{n_B}{n_I} Var(B) \quad I = A \cup B$$



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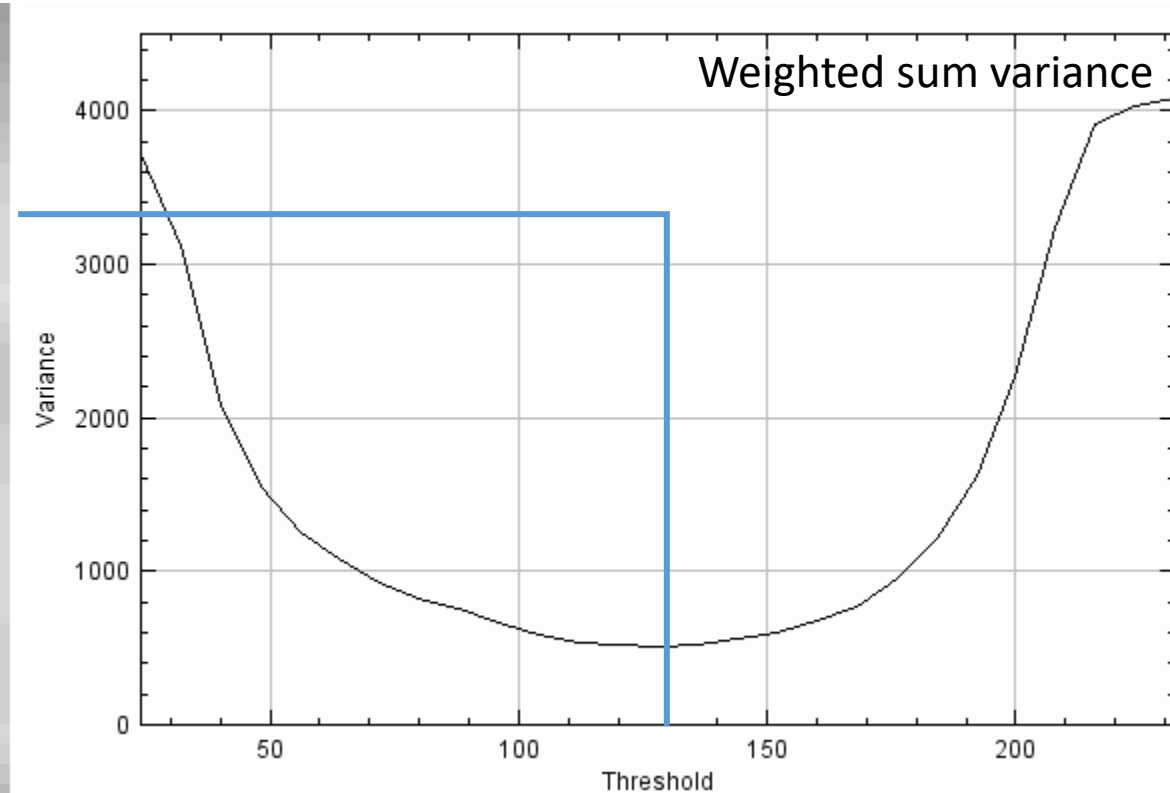
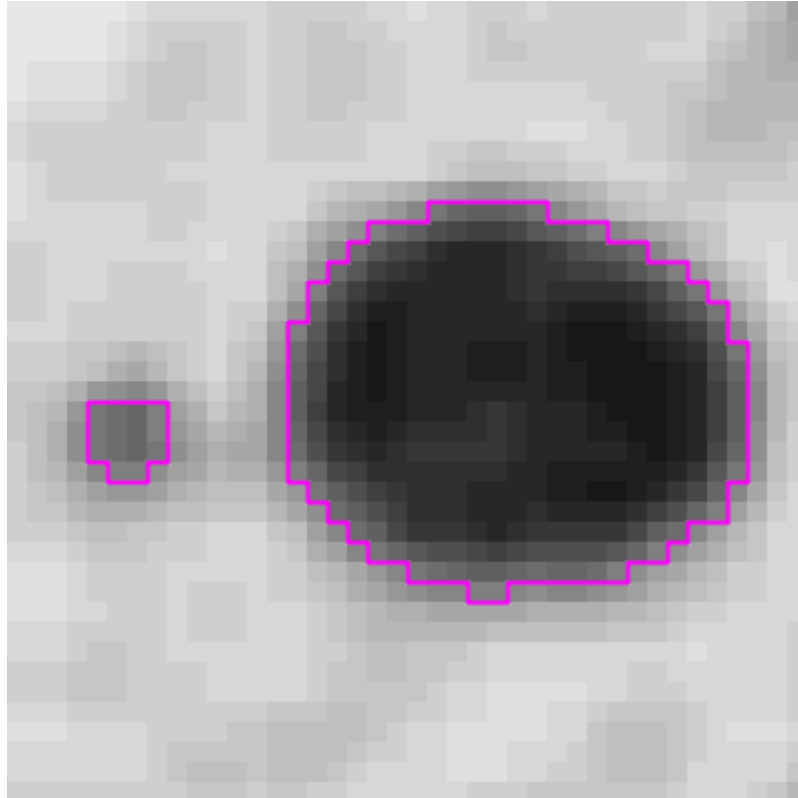
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See also: <http://www.labbookpages.co.uk/software/imgProc/otsuThreshold.html>

- Cite the thresholding method of your choice properly

“We segmented the cell nuclei in the images using Otsu’s thresholding method (Otsu et Al. 1979) implemented in scikit-image (van der Walt et al. 2014).”

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON SYSTEMS, MAN, AND CYBERNETICS, VOL. SMC-9, NO. 1, JANUARY 1979

A Threshold Selection Method from Gray-Level Histograms

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Abstract—A nonparametric and unsupervised method of automatic threshold selection for picture segmentation is presented. An optimal threshold is selected by the discriminant criterion, namely, so as to maximize the separability of the resultant classes in gray levels. The procedure is very simple, utilizing only the zeroth- and the first-order cumulative moments of the gray-level histogram. It is straightforward to extend the method to multithreshold problems. Several experimental results are also presented to support the validity of the method.

Image Processing: Morphological Operations

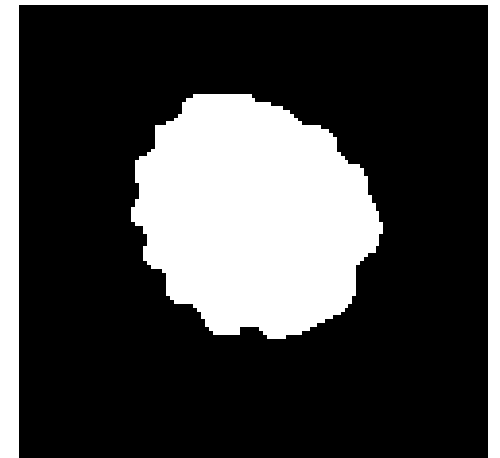
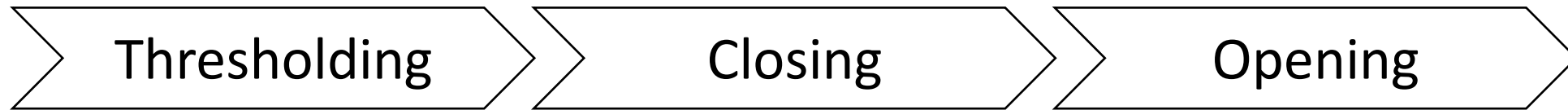
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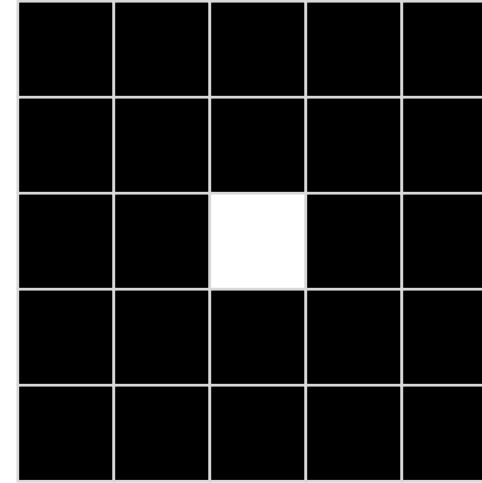
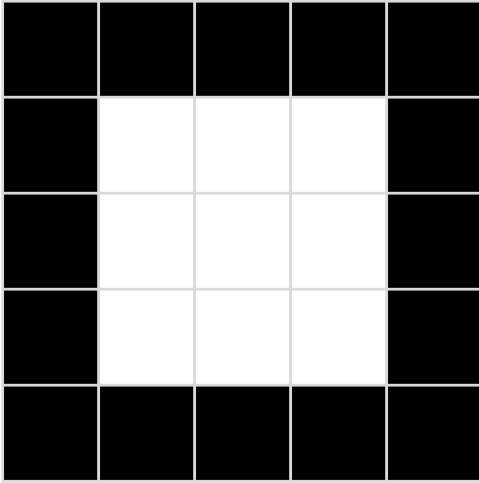
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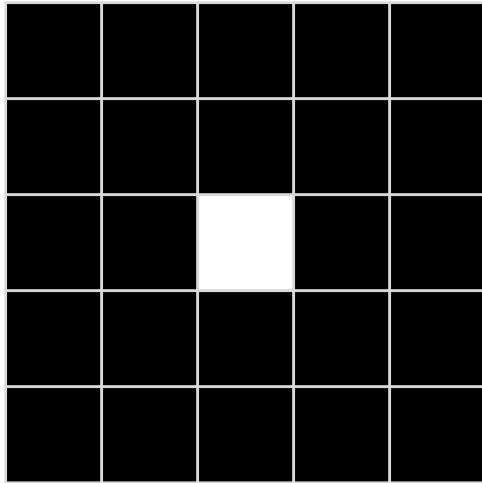
- Binary mask images may not be perfect immediately after thresholding.
- There are ways of refining them



- Erosion: Every pixel with at least one black neighbor becomes black.

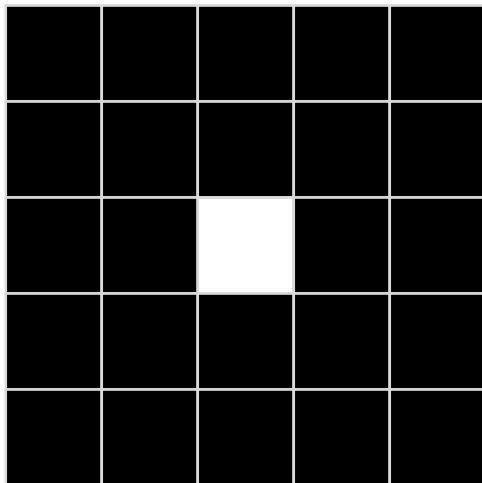
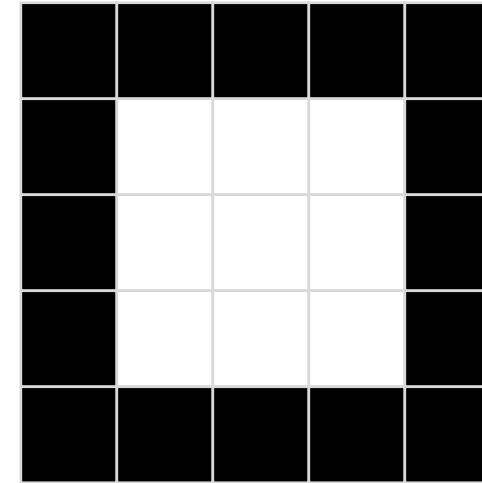


- Dilation: Every pixel with at least one white neighbor becomes white.



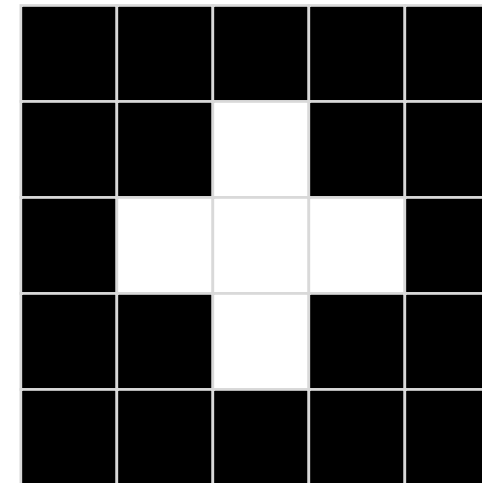
Dilation

8-connected neighborhood

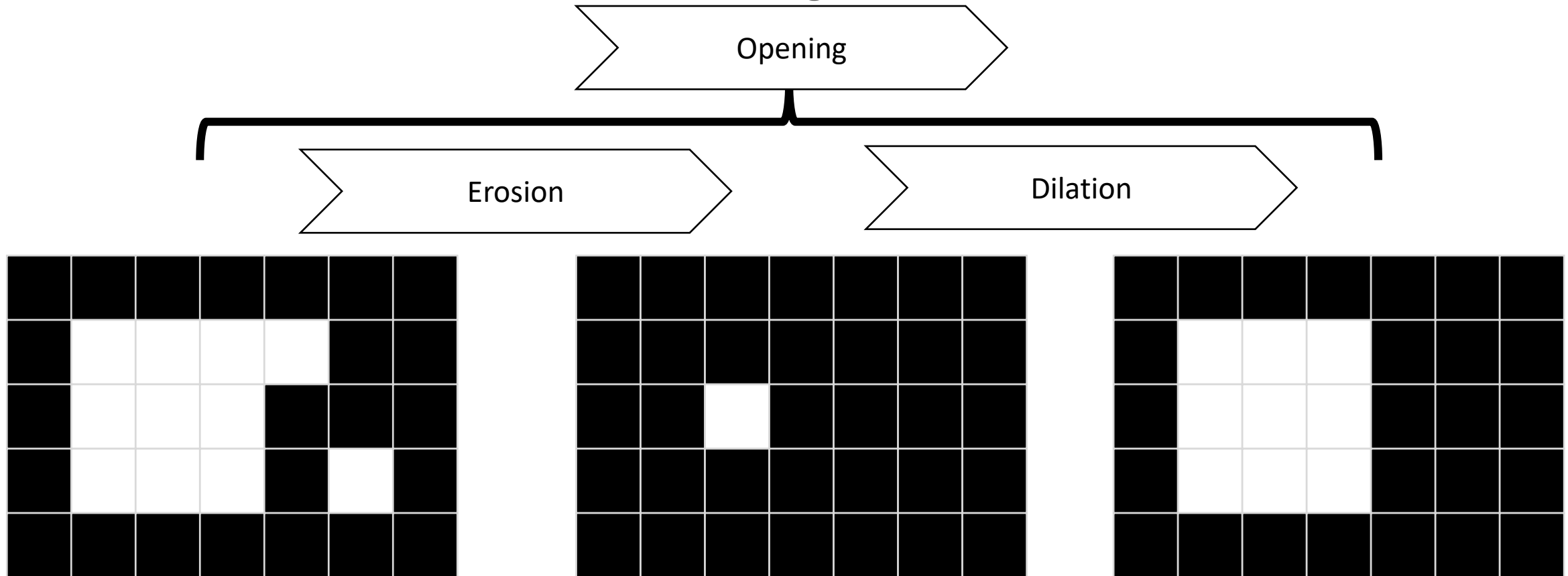


Dilation

4-connected neighborhood

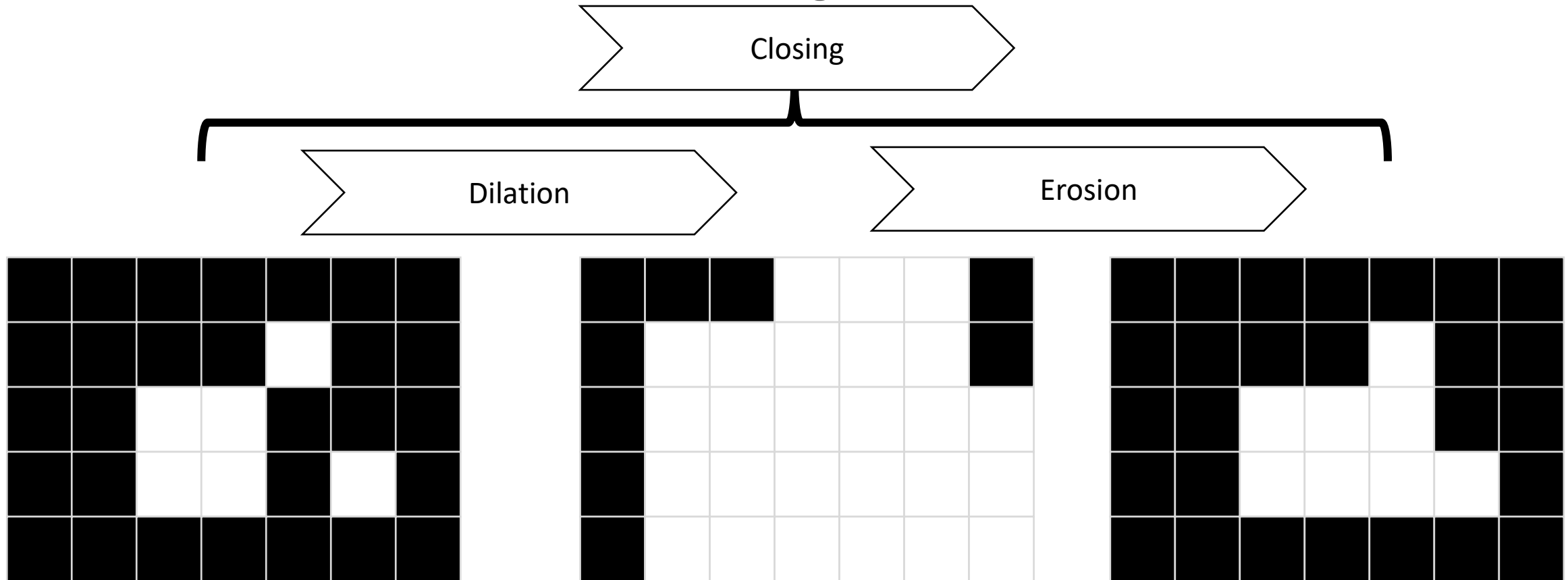


- Erosion and dilation combined allow correcting outlines.



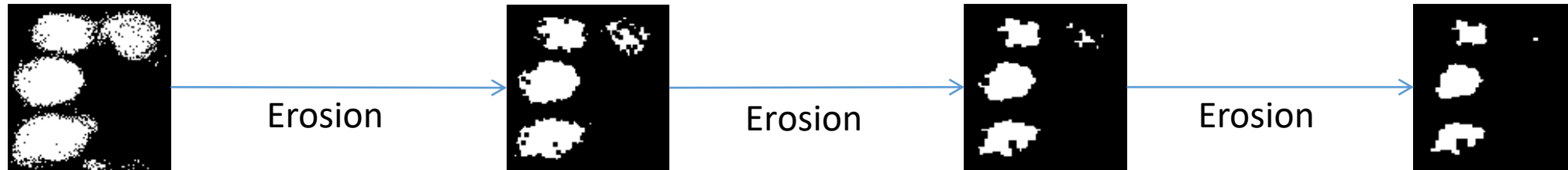
- It can separate white (high intensity) structures that are weakly connected
- It may erase small white structures

- Erosion and dilation combined allow correcting outlines.



- It can connect white (high intensity) structures that are nearby
- It may close small holes inside structures

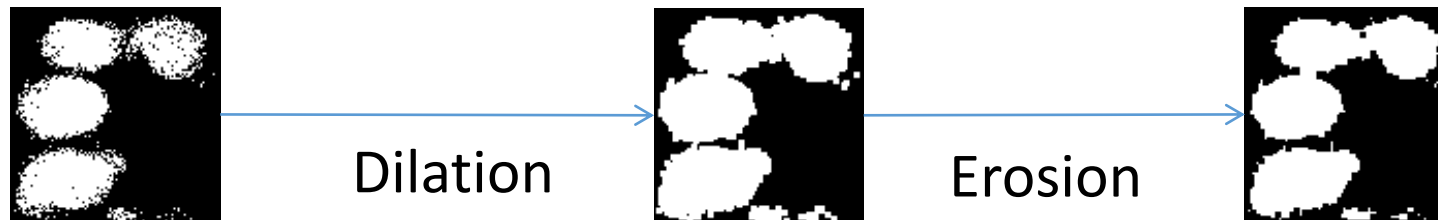
- Erosion: Set all pixels to black which have at least one black neighbor.



- Dilation: Set all pixels to white which have at least one white neighbor.



- Closing: Dilation + Erosion



- Opening: Erosion + Dilation



Image Processing in Python

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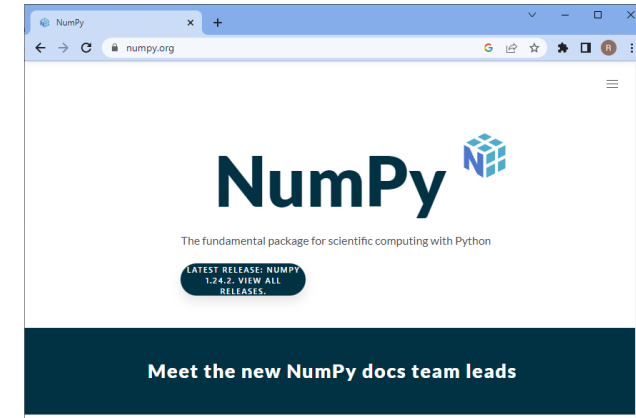
- Open images

```
from skimage.io import imread  
  
image = imread("blobs.tif")
```

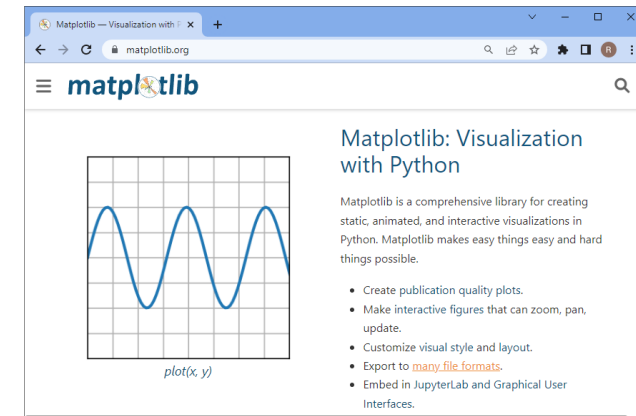
image

```
array([[ 40,  32,  24, ..., 216, 200, 200],  
       [ 56,  40,  24, ..., 232, 216, 216],  
       [ 64,  48,  24, ..., 240, 232, 232],  
       ...,  
       [ 72,  80,  80, ...,  48,  48,  48],  
       [ 80,  80,  80, ...,  48,  48,  48],  
       [ 96,  88,  80, ...,  48,  48,  48]], dtype=uint8)
```

Images are *just* multi-dimensional arrays or “arrays of arrays”.



<https://numpy.org/>



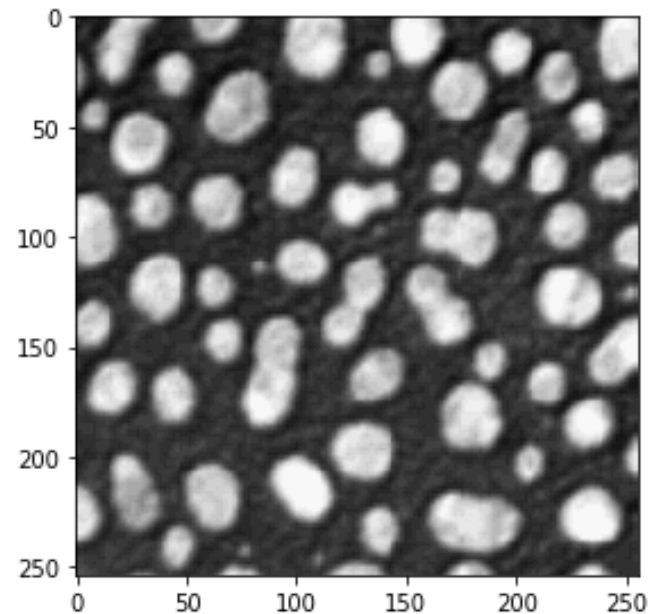
<https://matplotlib.org/>

- Open images
- Visualize images

```
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image = imread("blobs.tif")
```

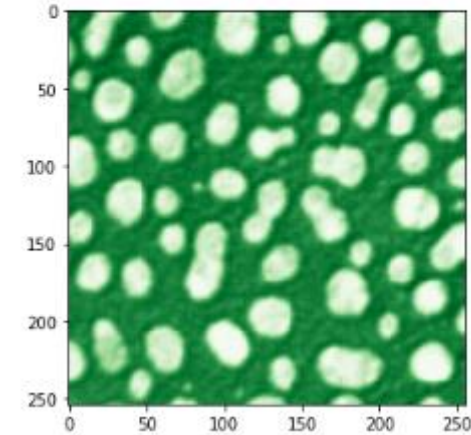
```
from skimage.io import imshow  
imshow(image)
```

<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x245e7a

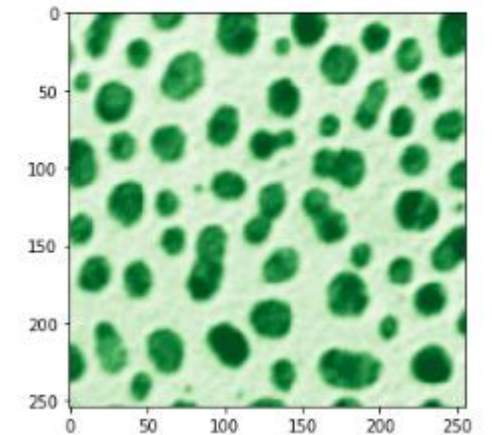


```
imshow(image, cmap="Greens_r")
```

<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0

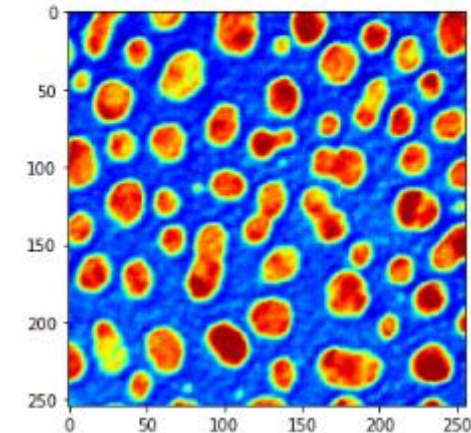


```
imshow(image, cmap="Greens")
```



```
imshow(image, cmap="jet")
```

<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at

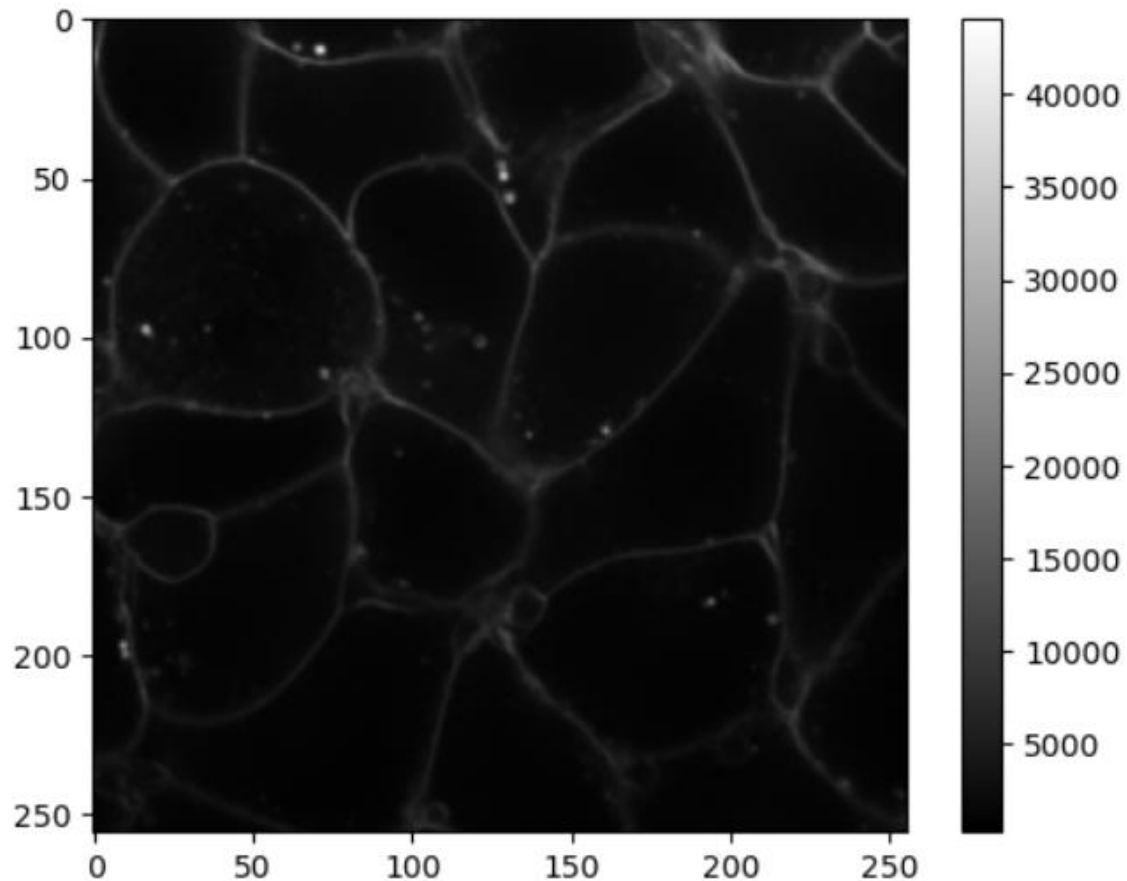


This does not modify the image data. The images are just shown with different colors representing the same values.

- After loading data, make sure you can see the structure you're interested in

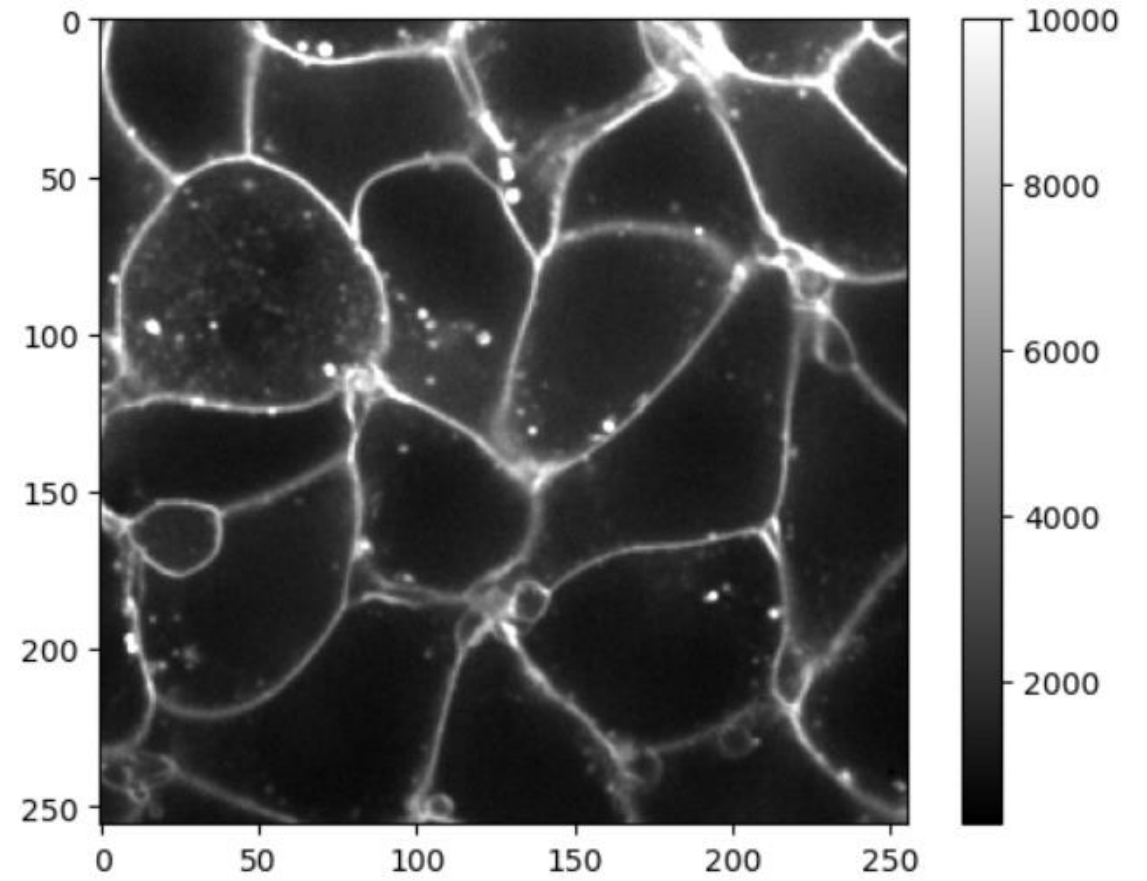
```
plt.imshow(image, cmap='gray')  
plt.colorbar()
```

<matplotlib.colorbar.Colorbar at 0x14f22cf71f0>



```
plt.imshow(image, cmap='gray', vmax=10000)  
plt.colorbar()
```

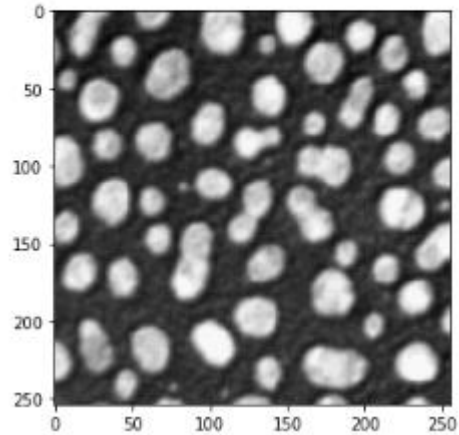
<matplotlib.colorbar.Colorbar at 0x14f22d70310>



- Indexing and cropping *numpy-arrays* works like with python arrays.

```
imshow(image)
```

```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x29e000000>
```

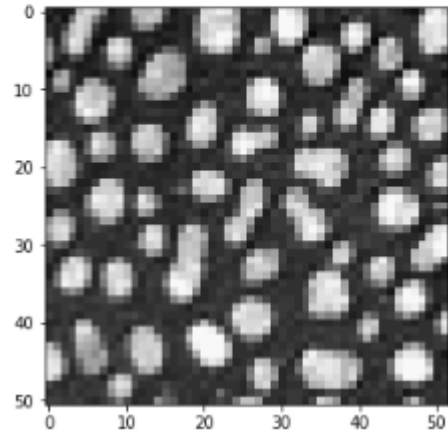


Original image

```
sampled_image = image[::5, ::5]
```

```
imshow(sampled_image)
```

```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x29e000000>
```

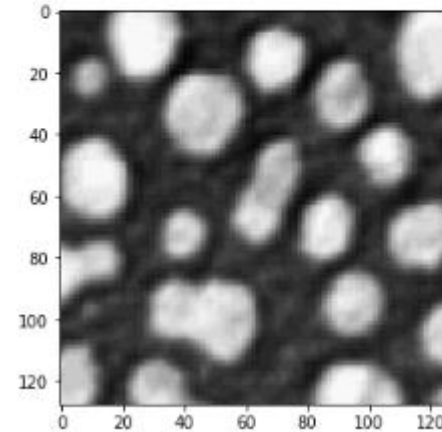


Sub-sampled image

```
cropped_image2 = image[0:128, 128:]
```

```
imshow(cropped_image2)
```

```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x29e000000>
```

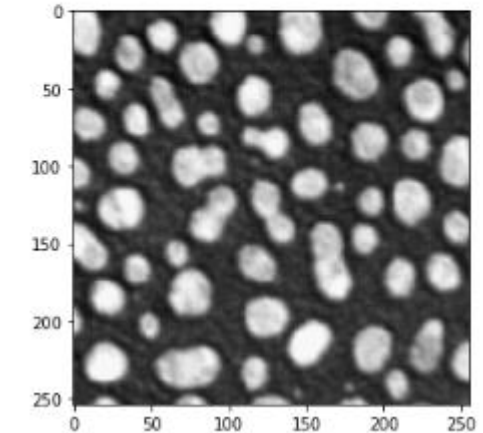


Cropped image

```
flipped_image = image[:, ::-1]
```

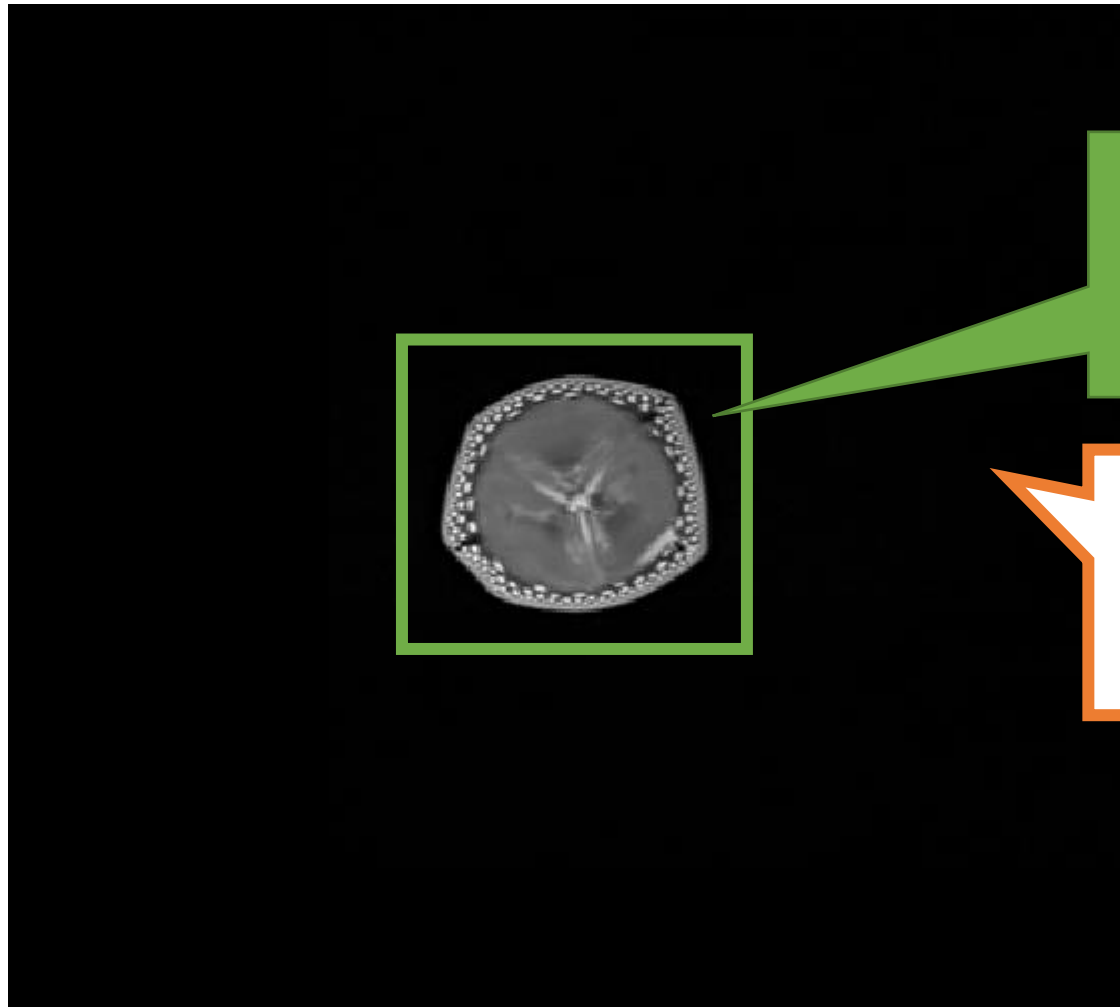
```
imshow(flipped_image)
```

```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x29e000000>
```



Flipped image

- Crop out the region you're interested in



Interesting

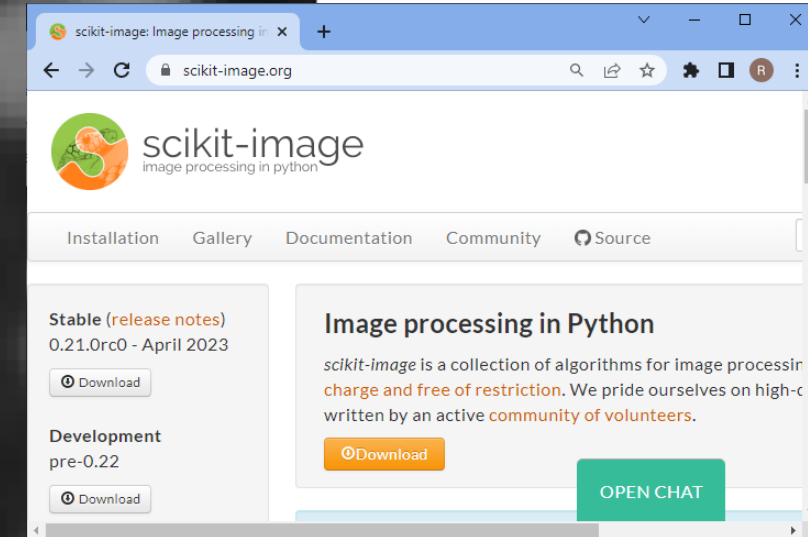
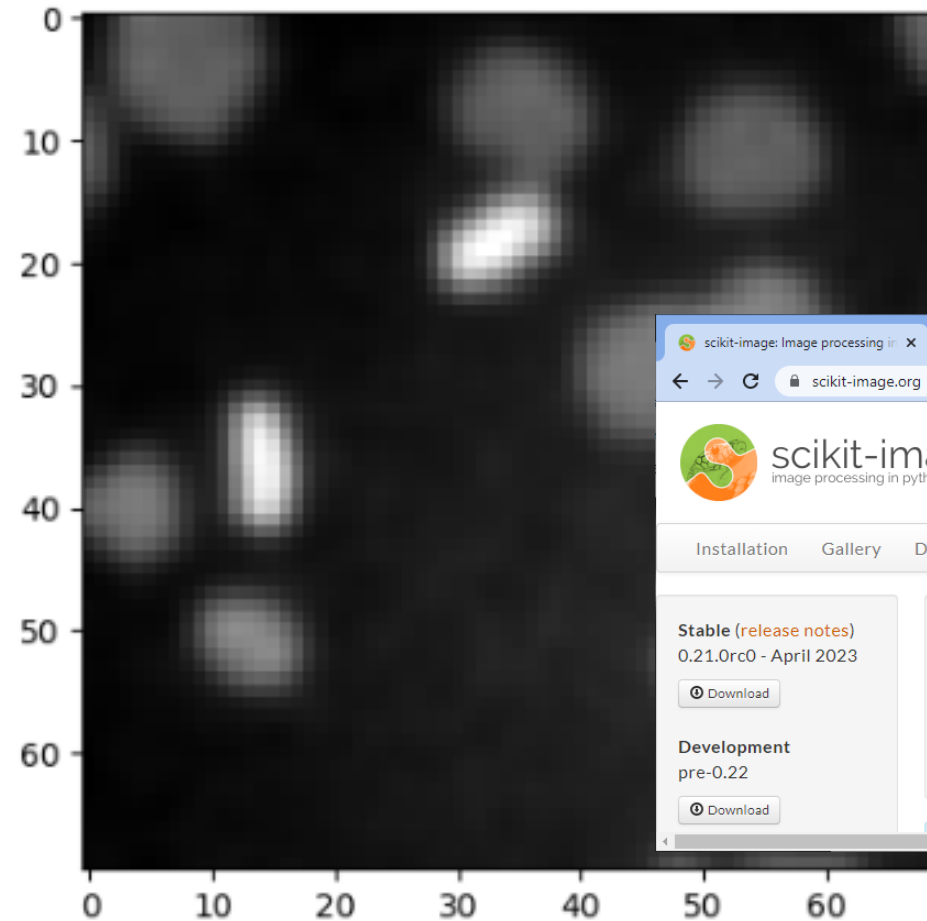
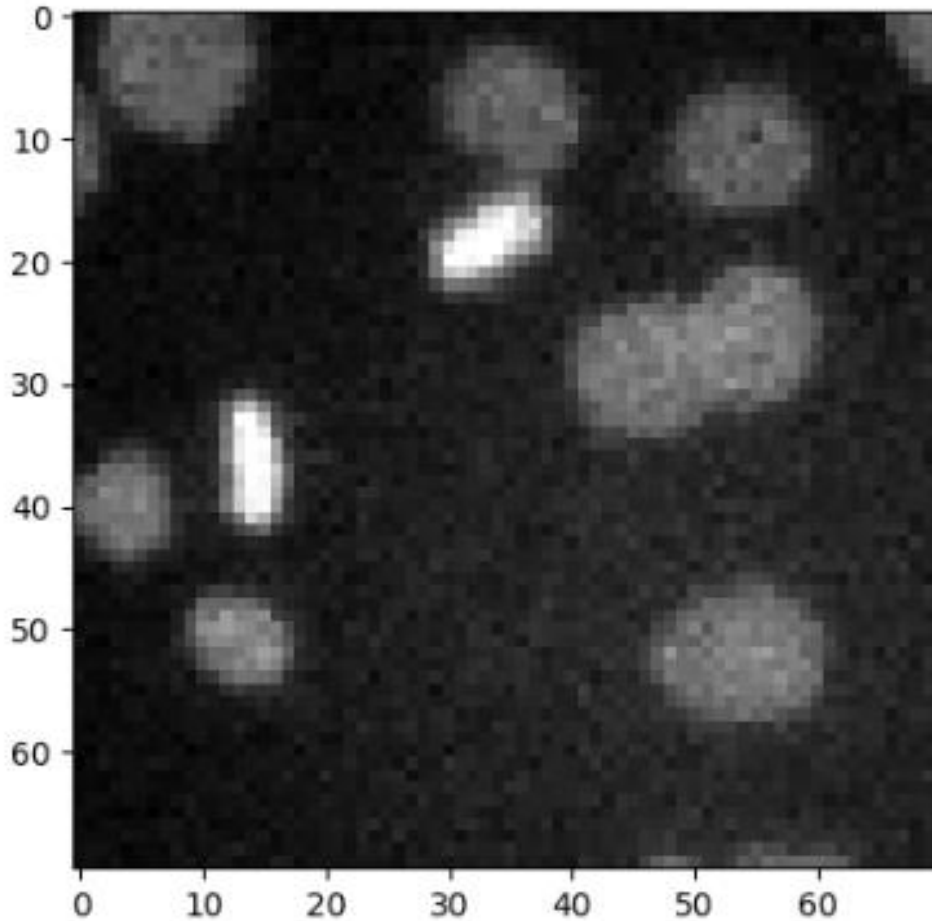
Not
interesting

In this case
you can spare
8/9 compute time for
following processing steps

... are just functions

```
denoised_gaussian = filters.gaussian(image3, sigma=1)  
plt.imshow(denoised_gaussian, cmap='gray')
```

<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x283aab3ba90>

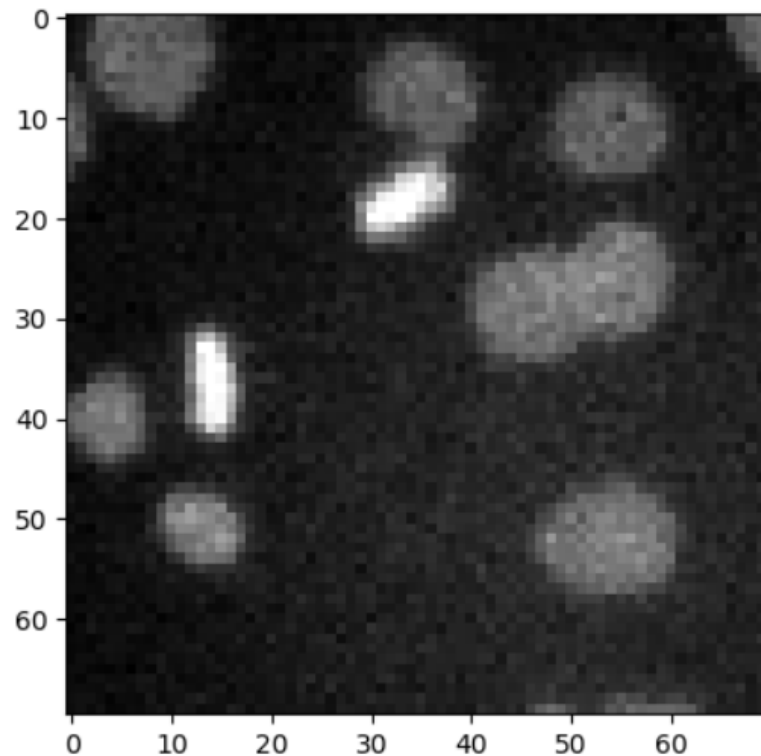


<https://scikit-image.org/>

- Use every opportunity and play with filter parameters to get an idea what they do.

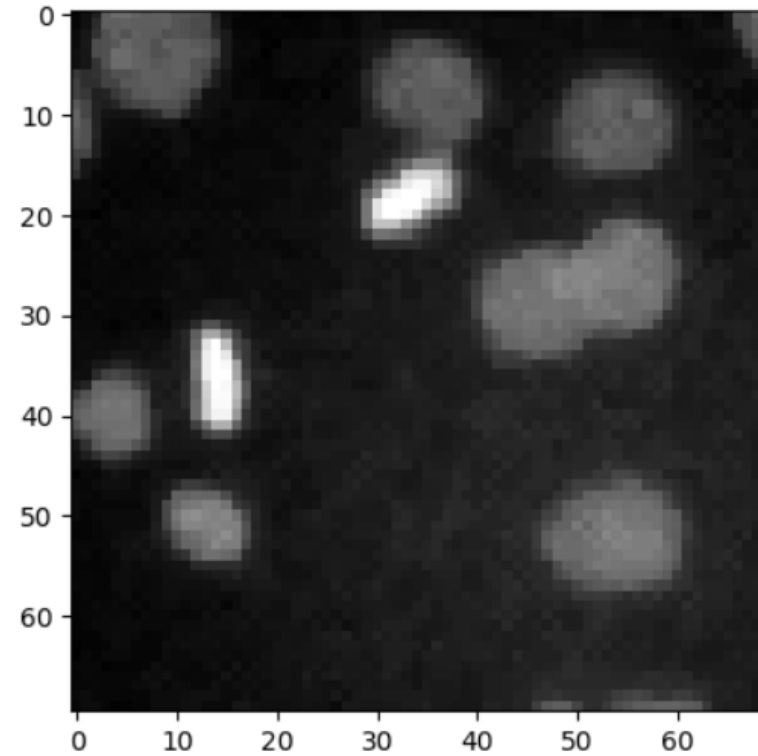
```
plt.imshow(image3, cmap='gray')
```

<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x1d86893b6d0>



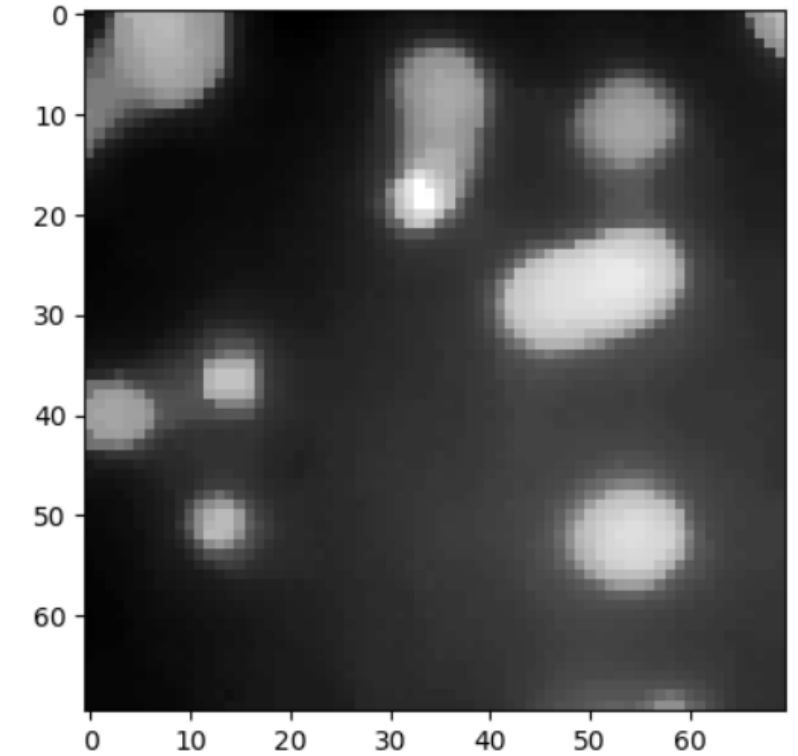
```
denoised_median = filters.median(image3, morphology.disk(1))  
plt.imshow(denoised_median, cmap='gray')
```

<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x1d868a189d0>



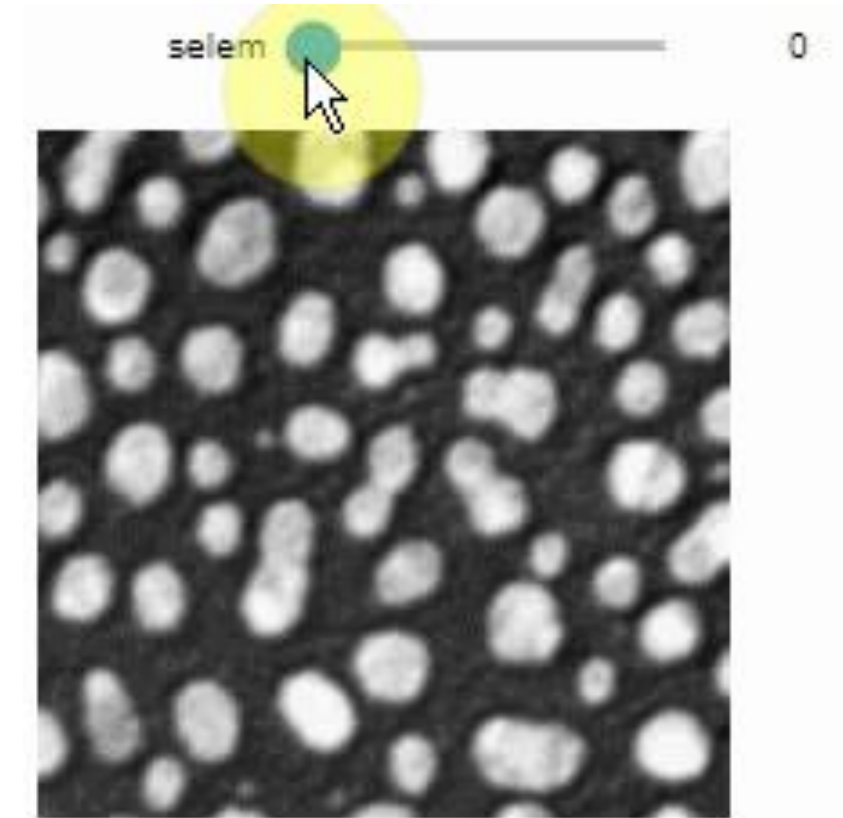
```
denoised_median2 = filters.median(image3, morphology.disk(5))  
plt.imshow(denoised_median2, cmap='gray')
```

<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x1d868ca7af0>



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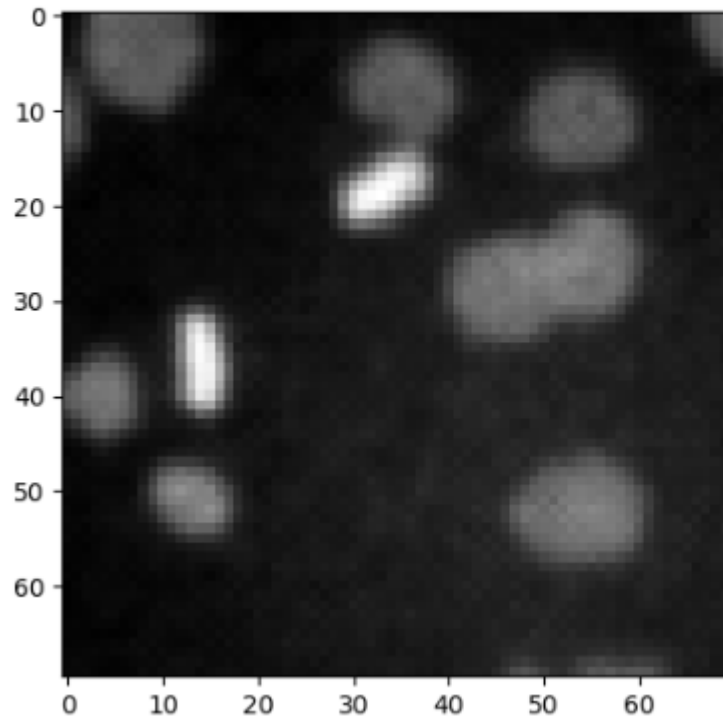
```
from skimage.filters.rank import maximum  
stackview.interact(maximum, slice_image)
```



... are just functions

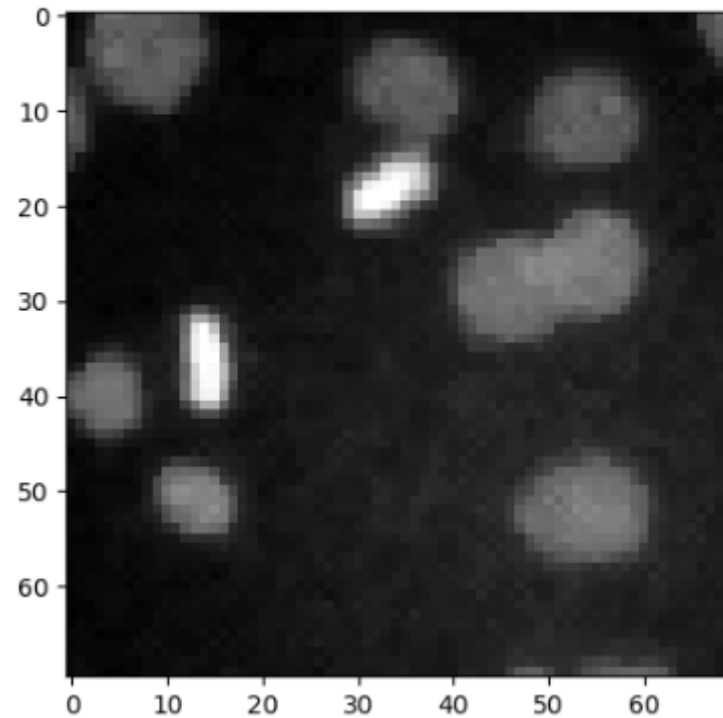
```
denoised_mean = filters.rank.mean(image3.astype(np.uint8), morphology.disk(1))  
plt.imshow(denoised_mean, cmap='gray')
```

<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x283a9868310>



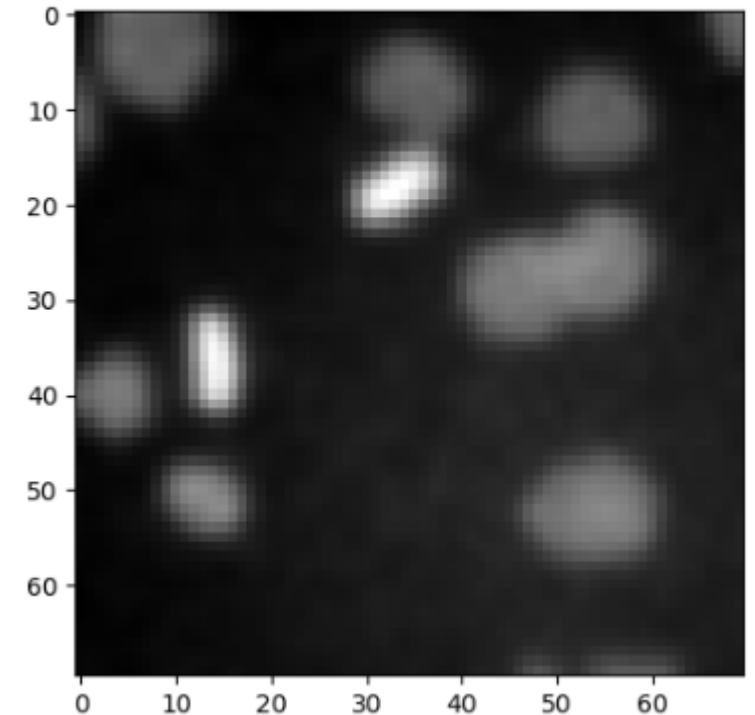
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plt.imshow(denoised_median, cmap='gray')
```

<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x283a98f2640>



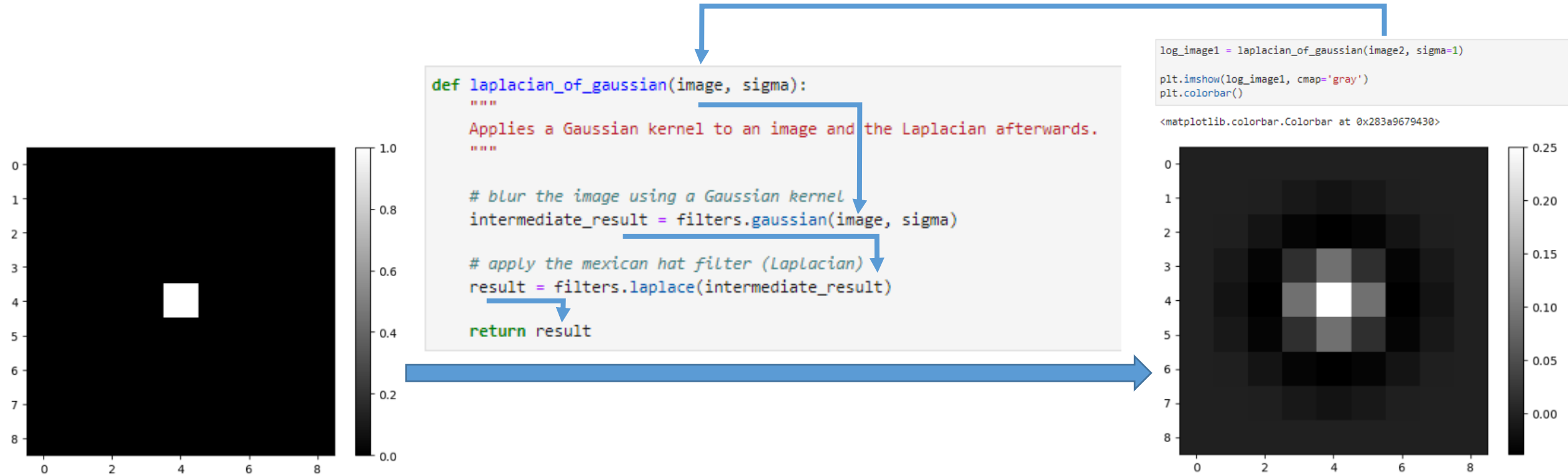
```
denoised_gaussian = filters.gaussian(image3, sigma=1)  
plt.imshow(denoised_gaussian, cmap='gray')
```

<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x283aab3ba90>



... may be custom functions

Recommendation: Apply custom filters to super simple images to see if they do the right thing.



- Turn images into binary images (very basic form of segmentation)
- When using scikit-image, `threshold_*` functions typically return a threshold you need to apply yourself.

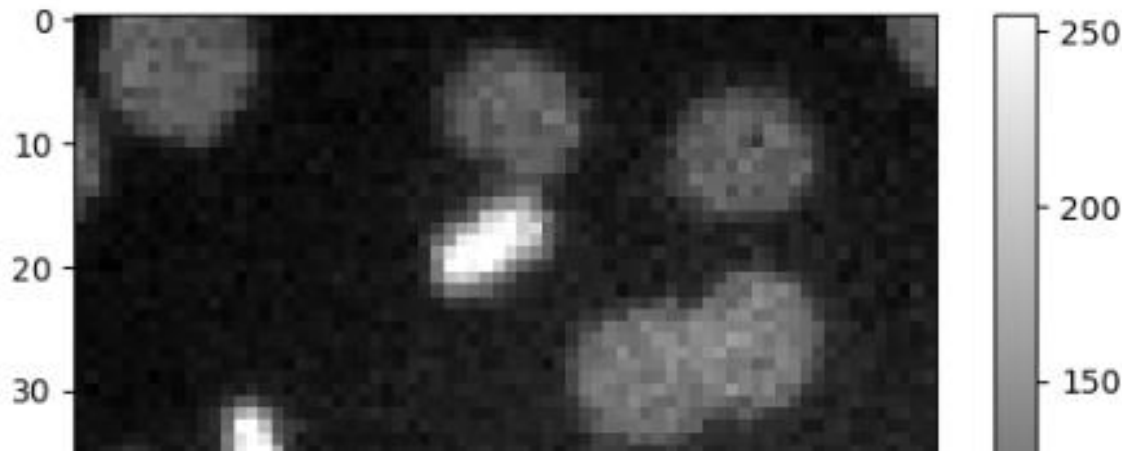
```
from skimage.filters import threshold_otsu
```

```
threshold = threshold_otsu(image_nuclei)  
threshold
```

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```
image_otsu_binary = image_nuclei > threshold  
  
plt.imshow(image_otsu_binary, cmap='gray')  
plt.colorbar()
```

<matplotlib.colorbar.Colorbar at 0x1c285b4f550>



- To *morph* objects in binary images

```
from skimage import morphology
```

```
eroded = morphology.binary_erosion(image_binary, disk)
```

```
plt.imshow(eroded, cmap='gray')
```

```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x15288661520>
```

```
eroded_dilated = morphology.binary_dilation(eroded, disk)
```

```
plt.imshow(eroded_dilated, cmap='gray')
```

```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x1528893ffd0>
```

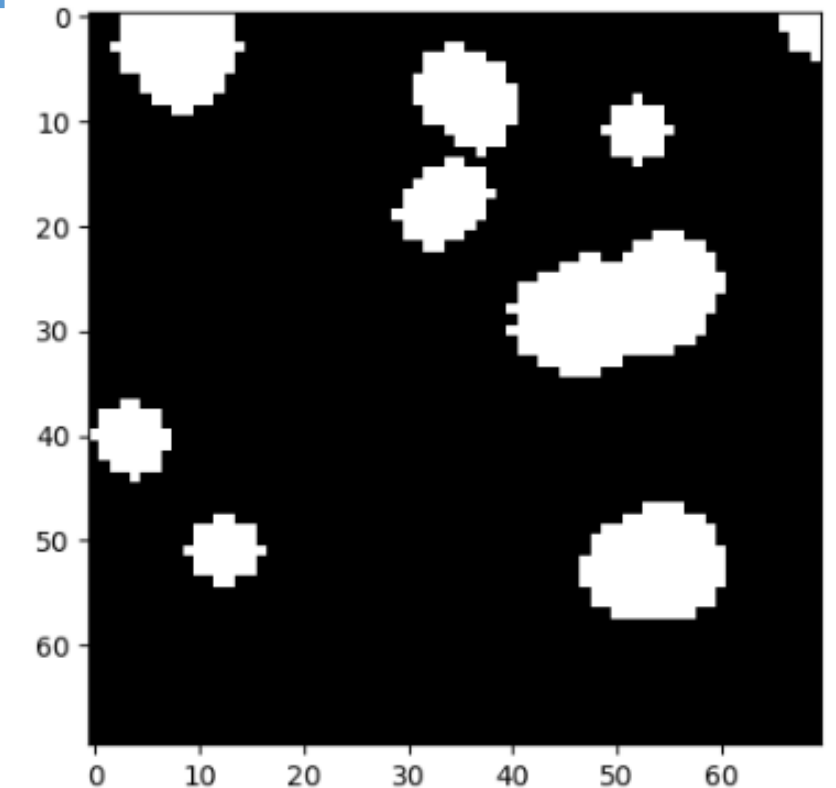
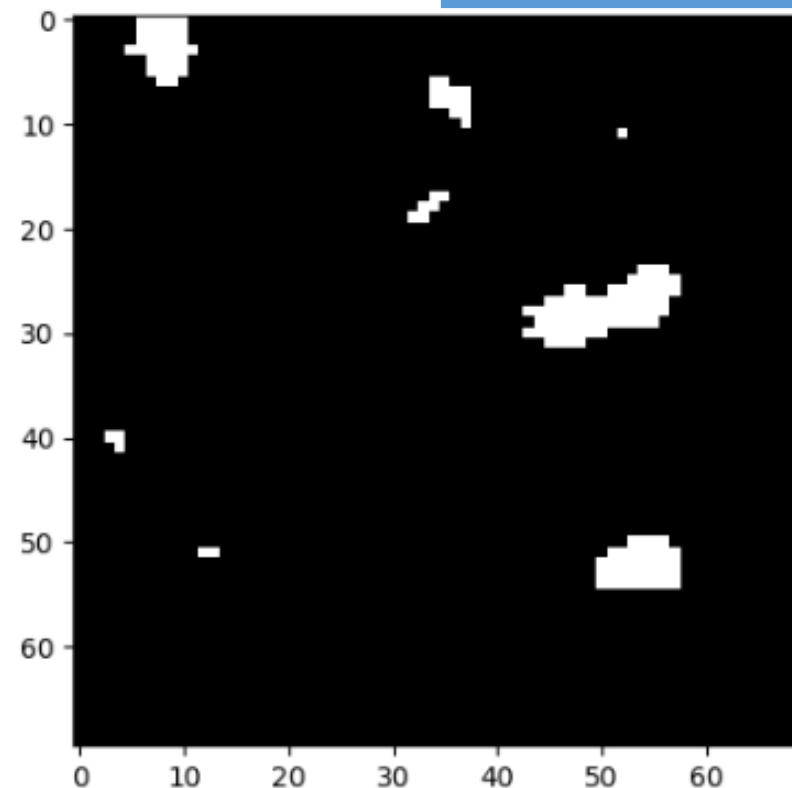
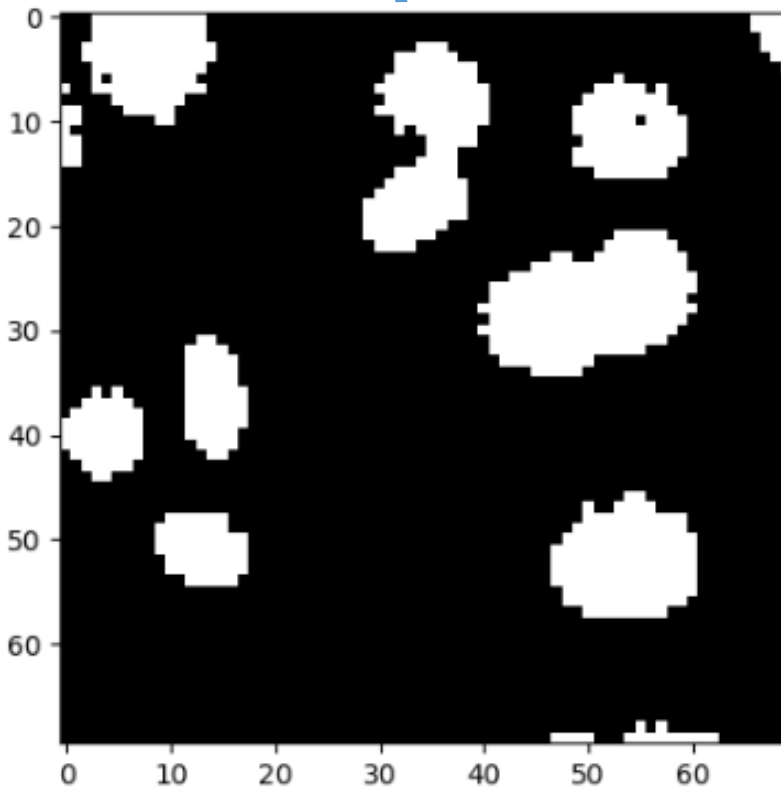


Image visualization in Python using Napari

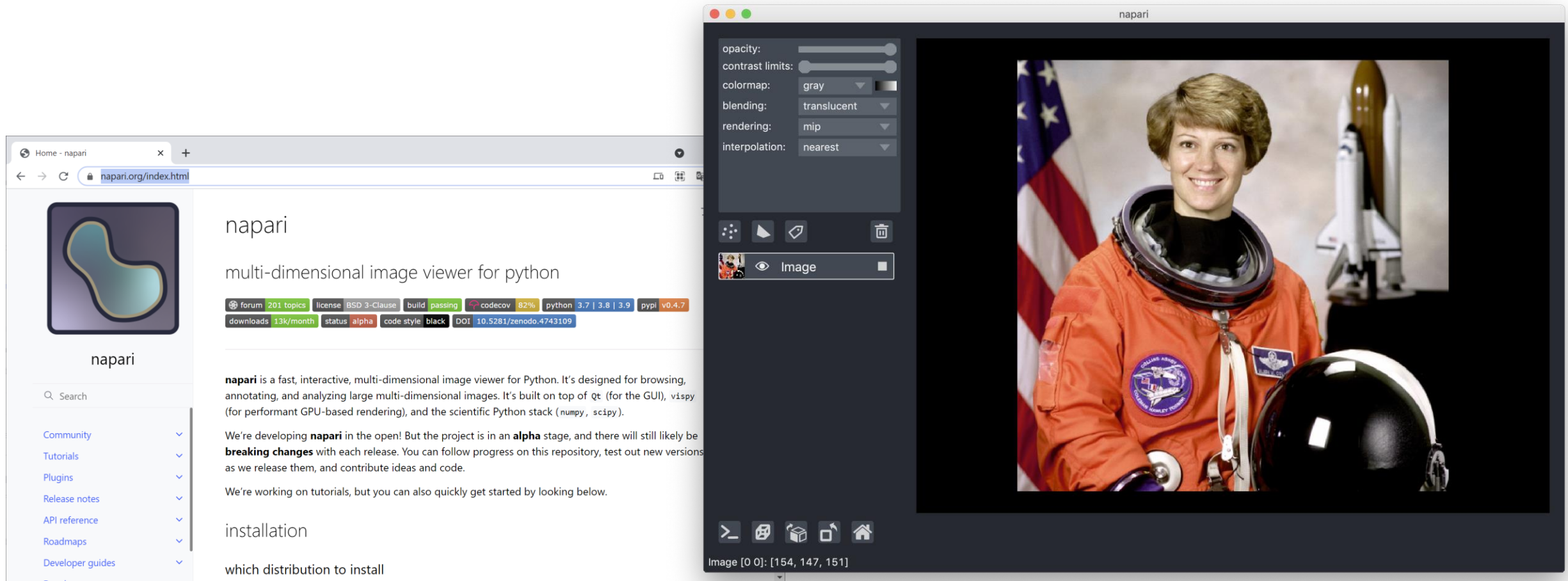
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Marcelo Leomil Zoccoler, Physics of Life, TU Dresden

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- Multi-dimensional image viewer in Python



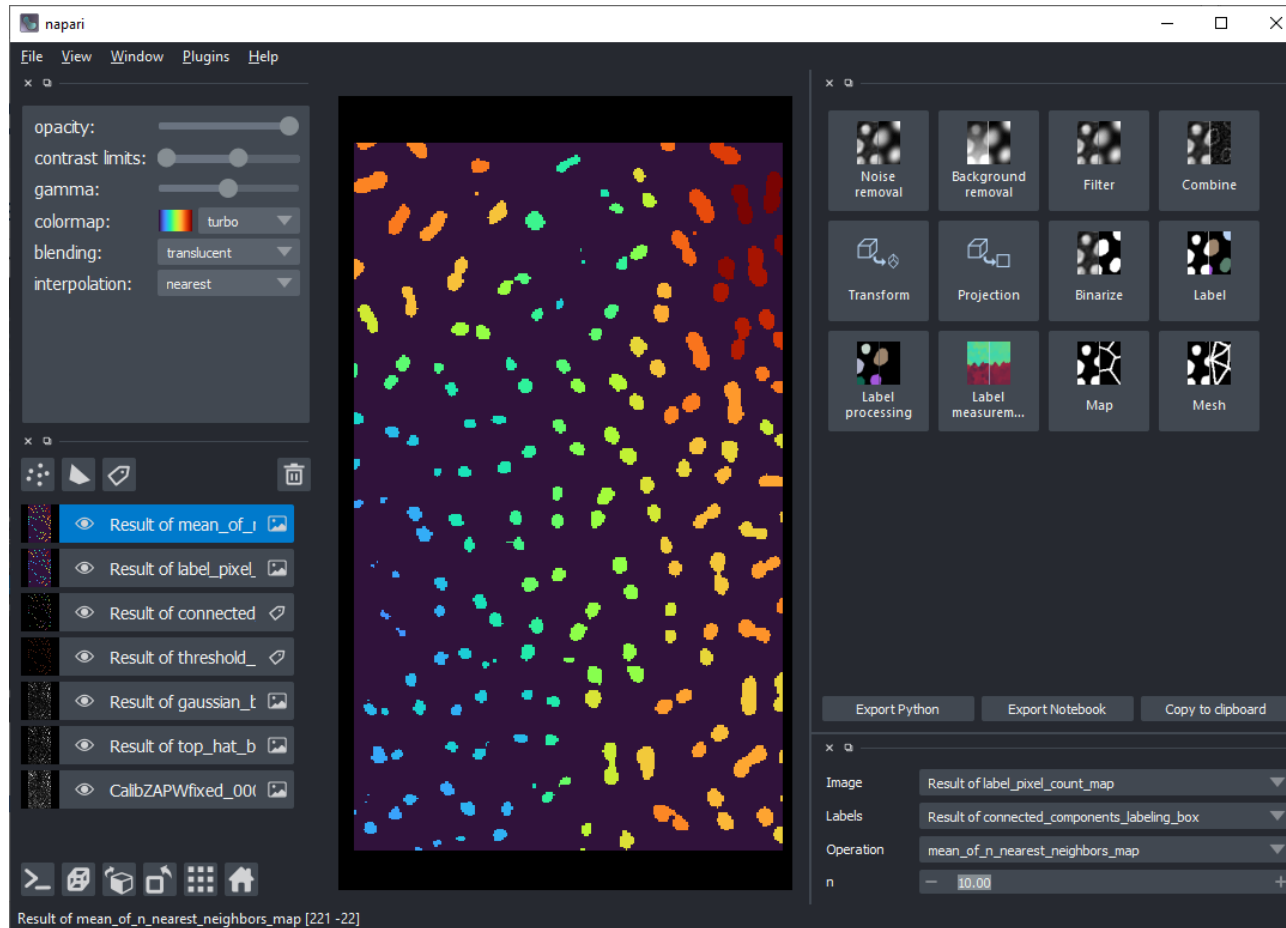
The image shows two overlapping screenshots. On the left is a browser window displaying the Napari website (napari.org/index.html). The website features the Napari logo, a search bar, a navigation menu (Community, Tutorials, Plugins, Release notes, API reference, Roadmaps, Developer guides), and introductory text about the software. On the right is a screenshot of the Napari application interface. The interface is dark-themed and shows a 2D image of a woman in an orange astronaut suit. The left sidebar contains a settings panel with sliders for opacity and contrast limits, and dropdown menus for colormap (gray), blending (translucent), rendering (mip), and interpolation (nearest). Below the settings are icons for home, play, and a trash can. The main view area shows the astronaut image with a toolbar at the bottom containing icons for zoom, pan, and other navigation functions. The status bar at the bottom of the application window displays 'Image [0 0]: [154, 147, 151]'.

<https://napari.org/>

Napari: 3D viewer for Python



Image data source: Daniela Vorkel, Myers lab, MPI-CBG/CSBD



View configuration / tools

```
layer.opacity = 0.5
```

Layers

```
layer.visible = False
```

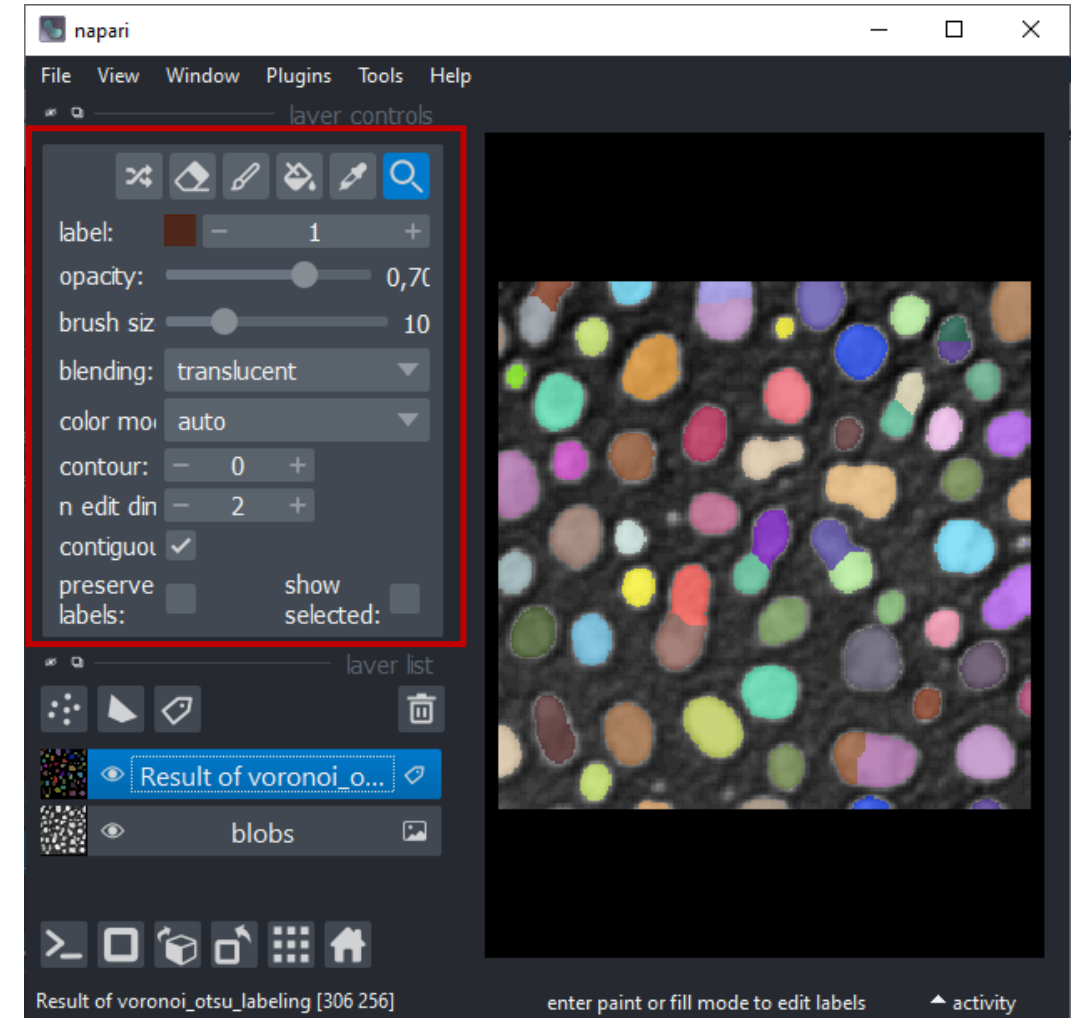
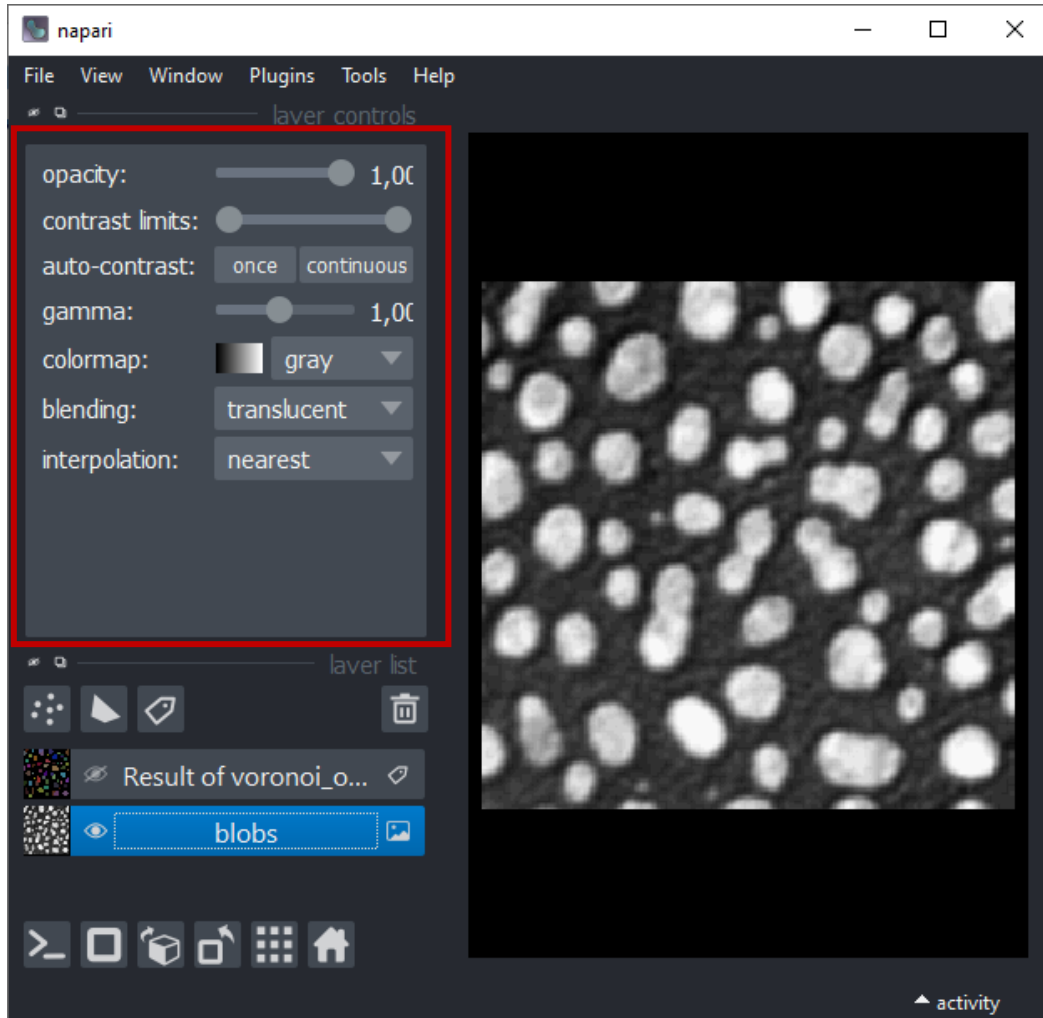
Viewer controls

Dock widgets (custom plugins)

Function widgets (custom plugins)

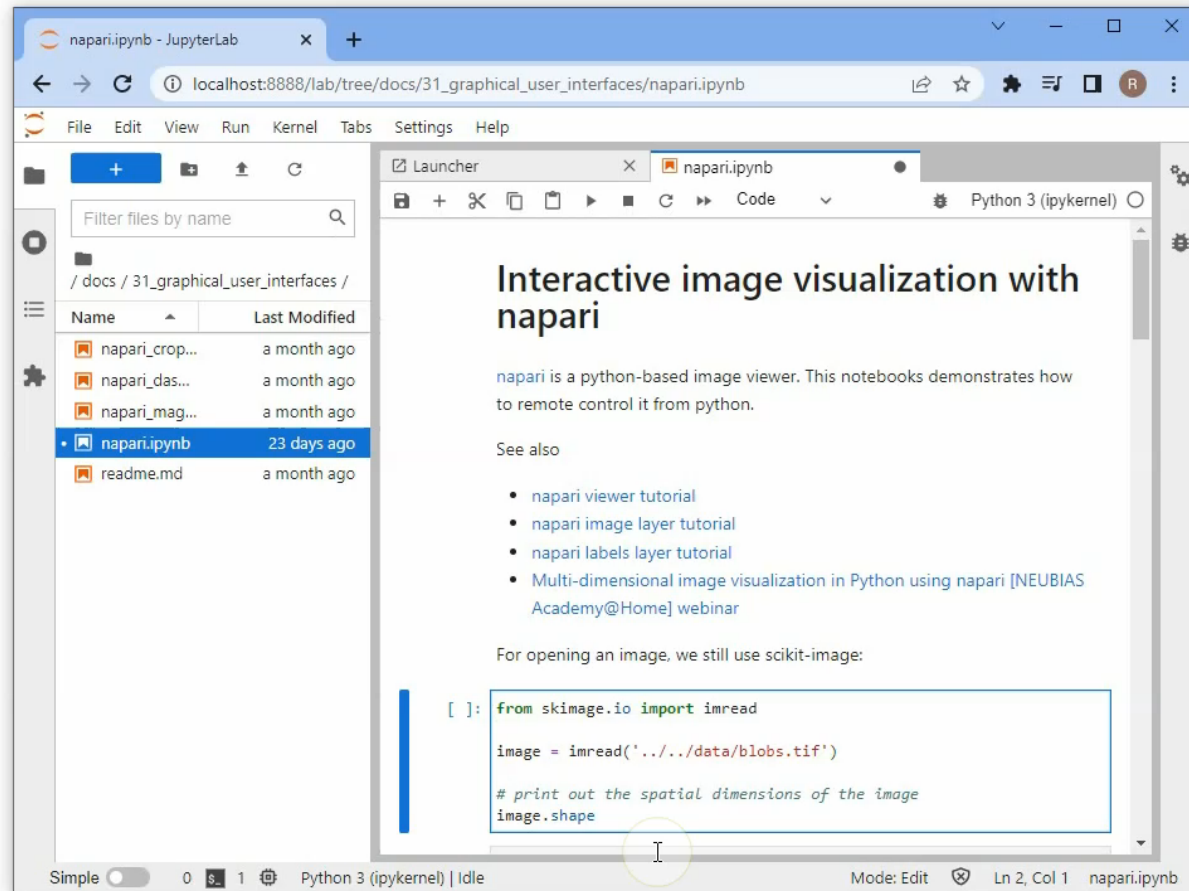
<https://napari.org/tutorials/fundamentals/viewer.html>

- Different layers have different configurations



Using Napari from Python Code

- A great mix of interactivity and reproducibility



napari.ipynb - JupyterLab

localhost:8888/lab/tree/docs/31_graphical_user_interfaces/napari.ipynb

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/ docs / 31_graphical_user_interfaces /

Name	Last Modified
napari_crop...	a month ago
napari_das...	a month ago
napari_mag...	a month ago
napari.ipynb	23 days ago
readme.md	a month ago

Interactive image visualization with napari

napari is a python-based image viewer. This notebooks demonstrates how to remote control it from python.

See also

- [napari viewer tutorial](#)
- [napari image layer tutorial](#)
- [napari labels layer tutorial](#)
- [Multi-dimensional image visualization in Python using napari \[NEUBIAS Academy@Home\] webinar](#)

For opening an image, we still use scikit-image:

```
[ ]: from skimage.io import imread
image = imread('../data/blobs.tif')
# print out the spatial dimensions of the image
image.shape
```

Simple 0 Python 3 (ipykernel) | Idle Mode: Edit Ln 2, Col 1 napari.ipynb

Scripting napari

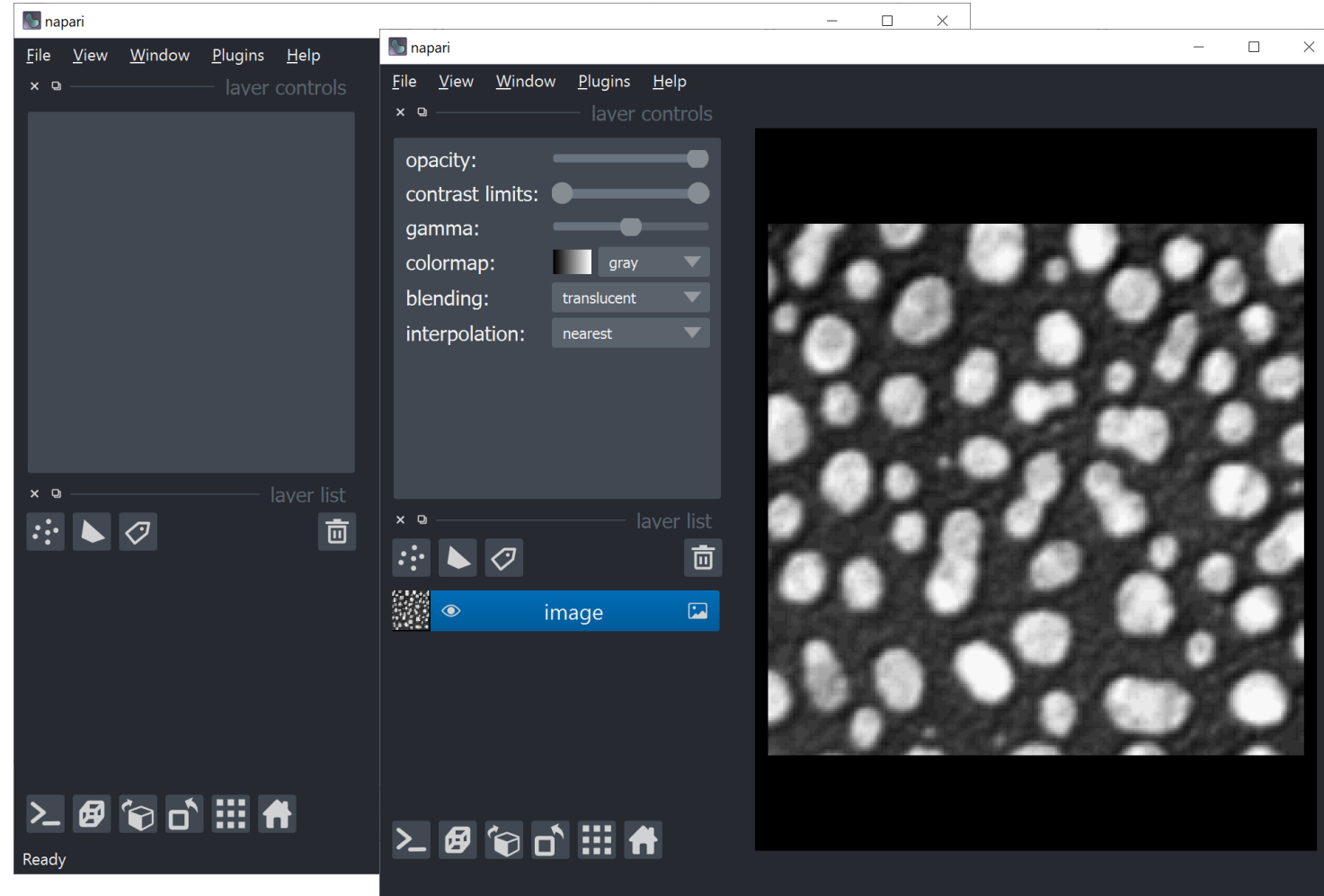
- Initialization

```
import napari
```

```
# Create an empty viewer  
viewer = napari.Viewer()
```

- Adding images

```
viewer.add_image(image)
```

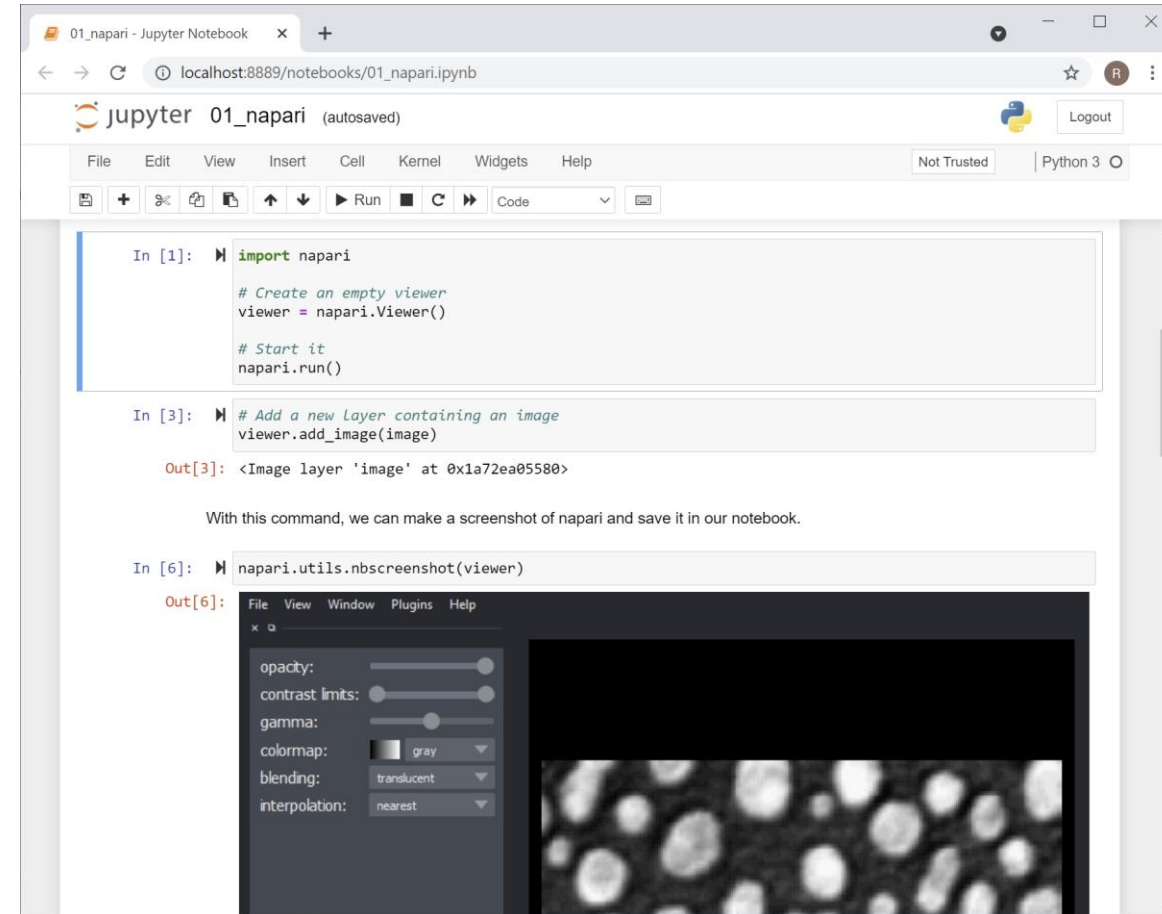


Scripting napari in notebooks

- Make screenshots from napari and put them in your jupyter notebook

```
napari.utils.nbscreenshot(viewer)
```

Place your viewer here



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with the following content:

```
In [1]: import napari

# Create an empty viewer
viewer = napari.Viewer()

# Start it
napari.run()
```

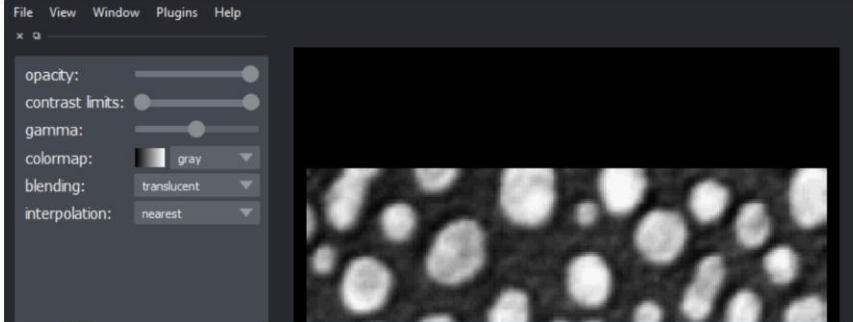
In [3]: # Add a new Layer containing an image
viewer.add_image(image)

Out[3]: <Image layer 'image' at 0x1a72ea05580>

With this command, we can make a screenshot of napari and save it in our notebook.

```
In [6]: napari.utils.nbscreenshot(viewer)
```

Out[6]:



Working with layers

- Removing layers

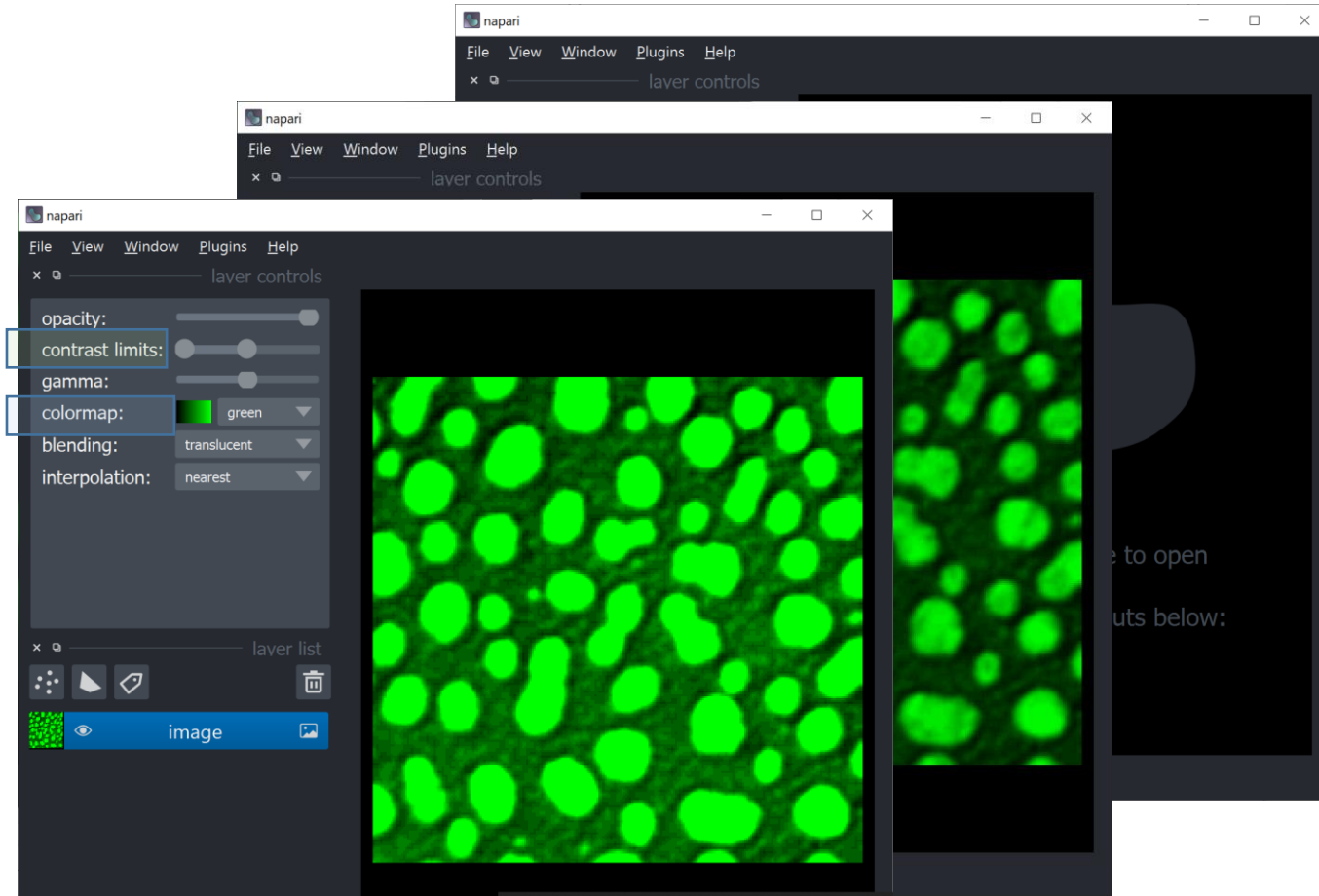
```
for l in viewer.layers:  
    viewer.layers.remove(l)
```

- Modify visualization while adding layers

```
viewer.add_image(image,  
                 colormap='green')
```

- Modify layers after adding

```
layer = viewer.add_image(image)  
layer.colormap = 'green'  
layer.contrast_limits = (0, 128)
```

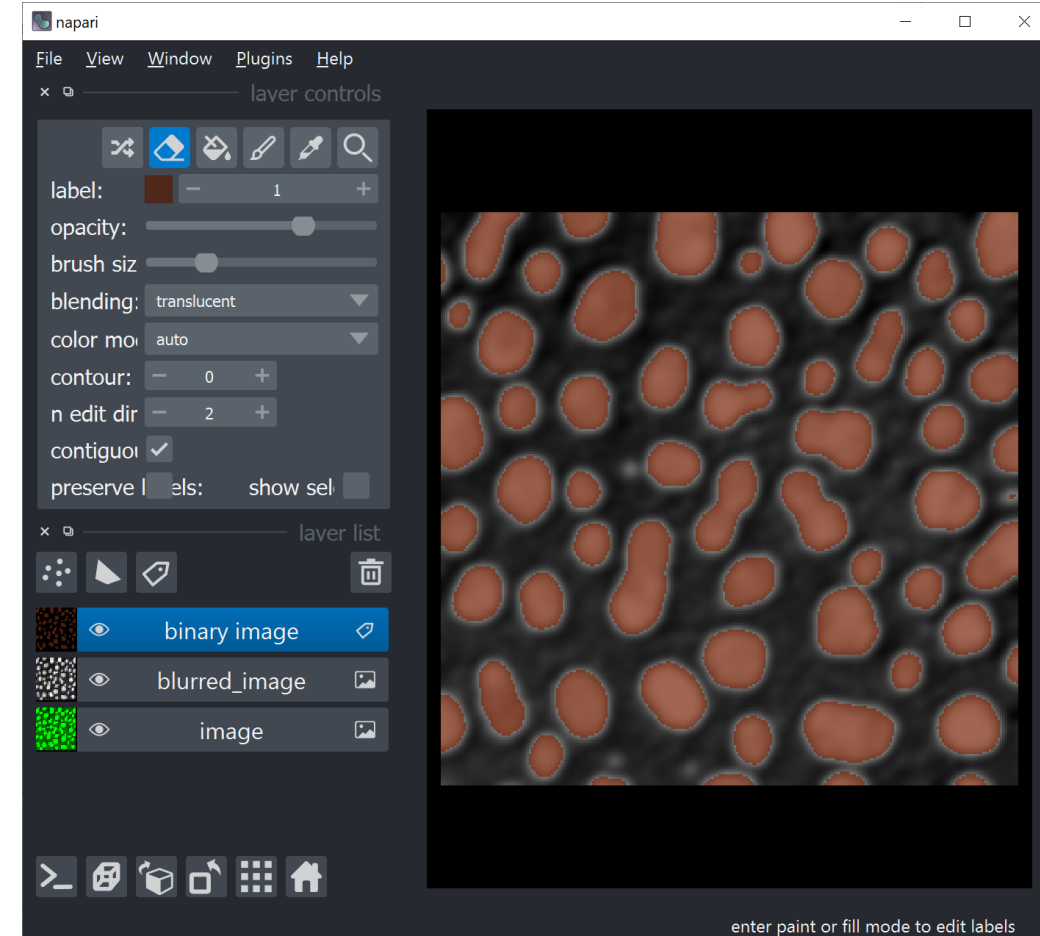


Visualizing image segmentation

- Binary images and `label` images visualized as label layers

```
from skimage.filters import threshold_otsu
threshold = threshold_otsu(blurred_image)
binary_image = blurred_image > threshold

# Add a new labels layer containing an image
viewer.add_labels(binary_image)
```



- Image visualization
 - Pixel size, colormaps, bit-depth
 - Image histogram
 - Brightness/Contrast
- Image Filtering
- Morphological Operations
 - Mask Refinement
- Python libraries
 - Matplotlib
 - Scikit-image
 - Napari

Coming up next

- Image Segmentation
 - Connected component analysis
 - Voronoi-Otsu-Labeling
- Surface reconstruction

